

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Twombly, Chair (present)
Kyle Conley, Vice Chair (present)
Liliana Hedrick, Secretary (present)
Ernest Minelli, Member (absent)
Regan Yakubian, Member (present)

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES

Judith Kuehn, Superintendent of Schools
Diane Saniuk, School Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

- 1.0 Call to Order
The School Committee meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 6:32 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.
- 2.0 **Motion:** Kyle Conley **Second:** Liliana Hedrick
Move to approve the Monday, January 22, 2024 agenda.
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative Report
None
- 5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Liliana Hedrick **Second:** Regan Yakubian
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
- Monday, November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - Monday, November 27, 2023 Executive Session
 - Monday, January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - Wednesday, January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting (Remote)
- Vote:** 4-0-0
- 7.0 Superintendents Business Items
- 7.1 CTU Vocational Training
Mr. Daniel O'Donnell, Hull High School guidance counselor presented a vocational training opportunity for our seniors. MassHire has partnered with South Shore Vocational to develop

introductory training programs in automotive, welding, carpentry, HVAC, and landscaping. Mr. O'Donnell attended an informational meeting and it seems like it could be a great fit for our students who were planning on going into the trades. He said we currently have 2 students enrolled in the program and more students are thinking about it for the fall.

7.2 NEASC Decennial Accreditation Report

Mr. Michael Knybel, Hull High School principal, read some of the highlights from the NEASC Decennial Accreditation Report. He said that the good news is that they voted to continue their accreditation for Hull High School. Mr. Knybel said there were 12 highlights but he shared 3. 1, the school and district decision making, thinking about our students. 2, positive relationships with students and staff. 3, commitment to develop curriculum maps. He added that the 3rd bullet is why they purchased CHALK. To help with curriculum mapping. School Committee members commented and asked that we do a press release regarding the report.

7.3 Professional Development Day

Ms. Kuehn gave an update on the full-day Professional Development Day that was held on Monday, January 16, 2024. She stated that the PD Committee was responsible for deciding what workshops to include. This year's PD Committee members are, Anna Cerilli, Katelyn McMurdie, Erin O'Duggan, Kelsey Quinn, Faith Martin, Teddy Cowden, Taylor Duhaime, Kristen Ryan, Christine Cappadona and Judy Kuehn. Ms. Kuehn stated there will be a feedback survey for each workshop.

7.4 Memorial School Update

Ms. Diane Saniuk, School Business Administrator, updated the committee on the progress of the Memorial School, stating CSI has completed taking down the temporary fencing in front of the school. We are waiting on Gale Associates to do plans for the permanent construction. By March or April we will have an actual number for Town Meeting. Gale was pleased with the work done already.

7.5 2024-2025 School Calendar

Ms. Kuehn said she would like to draw the Committee's attention to a few days during the school year. First, teachers will report on August 28 & 29 for professional development days. School will begin for students on Tuesday September 3, which will also be Kindergarten Meet and Greet. November 5 will be early release due to Presidential Elections. Full-day professional development will be held on January 21, which will give families an extra-long weekend, due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 20. She stated we have been doing this for a few years now and families seem to like it. She stated March 4 will be an early release for proctoring MCAS and the last day of school is scheduled for June 17, which will be a half day. If we don't have any snow days.

7.6 Best Educational Use of School Facilities Reconfiguration Vote – Prek-7 and 8-12

Ms. Kuehn asked for a motion and vote on Phase 2 of the reconfiguration of the schools. She stated the Committee voted on Phase 1 and now it is time to vote on Phase 2.

Motion: Kyle Conley

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to approve the reconfiguration of the Jacobs School and Hull High School by changing the Jacobs School configuration to PreK thru grade 7 and Hull High School configuration to grade 8 thru 12 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. Twombly asked for an update on phase 2. Ms. Kuehn gave an update, which included the following:

- 7 & 8 grade Parent Night hosted by HHS Principal, HHS Assistant Principal and Superintendent with 60 parents attending. Topics included transition, where 8th grade and Spanish classes will be. Shared student surveys with parents.
- Jacobs School and High School Principals working on scheduling, as soon as complete they will share.
- Teacher assignment letters will go out in March.
- Custodians are painting high school classrooms.
- Reimagining high school electives.
- Late buses are popular at Jacobs.

Mr. Twombly asked if we can have this on the agenda going forward. Ms. Conley asked if we could do a community event, invite the community in to the Memorial School. Ms. Conley said she would love to work on it with Ms. Yakubian.

7.7 Policy BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings

Ms. Kuehn discussed the newly updated and Public Participation at School Committee Meetings policy. She referred members to the sample agenda in their packet. She suggested using the language in the sample, going forward. Committee members agreed. Maggie Ollerhead will add the updated language to the top of the agendas going forward.

7.8 HHS Morning Bus Pickup Time Change

Mr. Knybel said that a parent came forward saying the high school buses are arriving very early for the school start time in the morning. Mr. Knybel said that sometimes buses are idle at the dustbowl for 10 minutes before arriving at the high school. There was a survey given to students, with the results that students do want to push back the bus times 10 minutes in the morning. This will start on Wednesday. Ms. Kuehn wants to make sure parents know this is only for the high school. All other school bus times will remain the same.

8.0 School Committee Business Items

8.1 NESDEC Superintendent Search

Mr. Twombly stated that we have moved forward with the hiring of Mr. Michael Jette. He said he hopes to wrap this up by Wednesday. He added, we had a good interview process and three strong candidates. Ms. Conley wanted to let people know the decision to move the forums and interviews was a very last minute decision, and a tricky one, but it was the right thing to do. She gave a load of gratitude to everyone involved for making this work. She said she thinks it may have helped by having more people could log on. Ms. Conley said she couldn't be more confident in the incoming Superintendent. She said she wanted everyone to know she has met all of the different candidates in person, along with the search committee.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committees

- MOU between the town and schools is going well. Jen Constable, Jim Lampke, Ms. Hedrick, Ms. Yakubian and Ms. Kuehn, Ms. Saniuk and Mr. Buckley have met four times and are getting close with the MOU. The next meeting is in two weeks.

- Mr. Twombly asked if the Budget Sub-committee has met. Ms. Kuehn responded, not yet. Mr. Twombly stated that we are getting ready for budget season and the subcommittee is a critical role.
- Ms. Hedrick said she represents the Anti-Racism Committee and attended the MLK/No Place for Hate pancake breakfast on January 15, along with her children. Daughter Dahlia read a poem and represented the Hull High School PRISM group. She said the event was well attended and televised.
- Mr. Twombly said he was contacted by the HTA about negotiations.

10.2 Donations

Motion: Kyle Conley

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to accept the following donations:

- \$2,500 from Audrey Connor Foundation to be used for music departments at all schools
- \$5,000 from Emma Ryan Memorial Fund to be used towards the purchase of Track supplies and equipment
- \$400 from James McNeil to be use as needed for Drama presentations

Vote: 4-0-0

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 **Executive Session**

The Committee is expected to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (superintendent). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: David Twombly, Liliana Hedrick, Kyle Conley, Regan Yakubian

14.0 Adjournment – 7:39 pm

Attachments:

1. CTI Vocational Training Presentation
2. NEASC Decennial Accreditation Report

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on February 14, 2024.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary
Hull School Committee