

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Twombly, Chair (present)  
Kyle Conley, Vice Chair (present)  
Liliana Hedrick, Secretary (present)  
Ernest Minelli, Member (present)  
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 6:35 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.
- 2.0 **Motion:** Liliana Hedrick **Second:** Regan Yakubian  
Move to approve the Monday, February 26, 2024 agenda.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative Report  
No student but Ms. Conley said Hull Theatre Arts will perform “War Brides” on Friday night at Hull High School and at the METC Festival at Marshfield High School on Saturday afternoon.
- 5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report  
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** Kyle Conley **Second:** Liliana Hedrick  
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:  
  - Monday, January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting
  - Monday, January 22, 2024 Executive Session**Vote:** 4-0-1, Mr. Minelli abstained
- 7.0 Superintendents Business Items  
7.1 Woodshop Program Update  
Ms. Kuehn introduced Mr. Michael McGurl, Director of The Hull Lifesaving Museum and Mr. Derek Skapars, Hull High School woodshop teacher. Mr. McGurl introduced three students that were with them and who worked on building the boat, that was in the lobby as Committee members

and others entered the high school. The students were Jamie Frady, Leah Frady and Grace Naylor. Mr. McGurl talked about the collaboration between the high school and museum. He stated Jamie and Robbie Casagrande were on the team last year that built the first boat ever made at Hull High School. This year they are the leads, which is the next level of tutoring. He said that if Leah and Grace come back next year they will be the leads. Mr. McGurl said the students will do the planning. He said he is really proud of them all and they are fantastic. He also stated the museum will also sponsor grade seven rowing program for the second year. Mr. Skapars said they combined forces behind the scenes and pumped out Emily Carroll last year. They chose a new boat and a new team and it really went well. He said the students are telling him what they want and Mr. McGurl and I are listening to them, we are learning as they are learning. This is a team. Each students told the committee they had a great experience and this will they can use in their lives in the future. Committee members thanked everyone for bringing the boat to the lobby so they could see the great quality and congratulated them. When told Jamie and Robbie would be rowing in this weekend's Snow Row the congratulated them and wished them well.

Mr. Skapers then discussed the collaboration with the Town of Plymouth. He said every year Plymouth has Adirondack chairs built and donated and then painted by local artists. He said his class is dedicated to community service and they are learning how to give to the community not take home what they have made. He said the students have a prototype and are using band saws, hand saw, carving tools, all thing to be an expert DIY. He said this is his advanced class that seniors usually take. Committee members thanked all involved.

#### 7.2 Introduction of Intermediate Assistant Principal (4-7)

Ms. Kuehn introduced Mr. Kyle Shaw, Jacobs School Principal, who told the Committee about the extensive search, which brought three finalists. Mr. Shaw said he was proud to promote from within and then told the Committee about Ms. Jessica Scott's background and achievements, which included her enthusiasm and confidence, her classroom experience and strong literacy skills. Committee members congratulated Ms. Scott.

#### 7.3 Launch of VOICES – Valuing Open

Ms. Kuehn introduce the new program that will begin at Hull High School this month. VOICES, (Valuing Open Inclusive Communities Empowers Student VOICES) is a comprehensive initiative to uplift youth voices that encompasses weekly support for both students and staff around issues of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility. Its goal is to provide weekly leadership with a Student Success and Advocacy (SSA) Specialist to create safe spaces, develop youth voices, deliver student programs and advise staff. Staff and students will develop skills to navigate conversations around interpersonal and societal inequities and be empowered to utilize their collective resources to produce interventions to raise awareness, inspire community connection and create a sense of belonging for all HHS students. She stated the other schools have similar programs by the same company as VOICES.

#### 7.4 Phase II Update

Ms. Kuehn updated the Committee on the phase II action items, which included the following:

- **Positive Meeting with Grade 7 & 8 Parents:** On January 9, we held a productive meeting with almost 60 grade 7 & 8 parents. The purpose was to share the exciting plans for phase two, and we were thrilled to have such strong attendance.
- **Spring Community Meetings with Grade 7 & 8 Students:** We are in the process of scheduling spring community meetings with grade 7 & 8 students during the school day. The

Hull High School Principal and Assistant Principal will facilitate these meetings to help prepare our students for their transition to Hull High School.

- **Finalization of Schedules:** The master schedules for grade 8 and grades 6 & 7 are being finalized to ensure an engaging schedule for students.
- **Support for Teachers:** We are actively planning support measures for teachers who will be moving to new classrooms or buildings. Our goal is to make this transition as seamless as possible.
- **Intermediate Assistant Principal (4-7):** After an extensive selection process and great consideration, Jessica Scott was selected as the Intermediate Assistant Principal of the Jacobs School.
- **Facility Updates:** Some high school rooms received a fresh coat of paint over the winter break, and more painting and room preparations are scheduled for February vacation and during the spring to enhance the learning environment.
- **Changes to Jacobs School Start Time:** We anticipate that the Jacobs School will start 20 minutes earlier for the 2024 - 2025 school year. One reason for this adjustment aims to support students getting dismissed earlier to access appointments and after-school activities, as well as narrowing the time between two schools with the closing of the middle school.
- **Closing Event for Memorial Middle School:** In the spring, we plan to organize a special event to acknowledge the closing of Memorial Middle School. This event will provide an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the rich history of Memorial Middle School.

#### 7.5 FY25 Proposed Budget

Ms. Kuehn and Ms. Saniuk presented the FY25 proposed budget with Strategic Plan and District Priorities, which included the following:

- Strategic Plan 20219-2025
- FY25 District Priorities
- Budget Comparison
- FY25 Budget Staffing Updates
- FT25 Budget By Major Category
- Upcoming Budget Discussions

Committee members also received the FY25 Budget in their School Committee packet.

#### 8.0 School Committee Business Items

##### 8.1 Introduction of New Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Twombly introduced Dr. Michael Jette as the new Superintendent of Schools, who will begin on July 1, 2024. He mentioned the article in the Hull Times and said we are lucky to have him here. Dr. Jette lives and is a current Superintendent in New Hampshire. He stated it was an extensive search process lead by Ms. Conley with NESDEC as our consulting firm. Mr. Jette took the podium and said he felt welcomed today. He stated he began the day at Central Office meeting staff there. Ms. Kuehn then escorted him on tours of all three buildings, where he could tell there was a student centered focus. He then met with School Committee members and is looking forward to the next steps on this journey.

**Motion:** Kyle Conley

**Second:** Liliana Hedrick

Move to approve the contract between the Hull School Committee and Dr. Michael Jette.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committees

- The last MOU meeting between the town and schools went well. It will be good and make the town proud.
- Closing of Memorial School – Laurie MacDowell is helping Ms. Kuehn with some kind of ceremony. Ms. Kuehn is hoping to get a plaque. They will invite John Riley and Joan Meschino.

10.2 Donations

None

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Kyle Conley

**Second:** Ernest Minelli

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Attachments:

1. FY25 Budget Presentation
2. FY25 Proposed Budget

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on March 11, 2024.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary  
Hull School Committee