

SCHOOL BUDGET  
STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 24, 2009  
HULL HIGH SCHOOL  
SECOND FLOOR EXHIBITION ROOM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Ashley – Jacobs School Council/Parent  
Kathleen Carroll – High School Council/Parent  
Ann Marie Dunn – Memorial School Council/Parent/PTO  
Kristen Evans – Hull School Committee  
Mark Galligan - High School Teacher  
Marianne Harte – Hull School Committee  
Richard Kenney – Hull Advisory Board (for John Schmid)  
Christopher Kearns – Community Member/Parent  
Michelle Lanner – Parent  
John Lidington – Teacher  
Steve Manousos – Parent/Caregiver Group  
James O'Brien – Parent/ Caregiver Group  
Christopher Oliveri – Board of Selectmen  
Lori Perry – Boosters Club/Parent  
Michele Proud – Parent  
Joy Turpie – Assistant Superintendent  
David Twombly – Director of Operations  
David Walsh – Building Committee /Community Member  
Gregory Whelan – Jacobs School Council  
Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent was also present

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Hull High School in the Second Floor Exhibition Room.

- Updated contact information sheet
- Read Mission Statement and Ground Rules
- Added to Mission Statement the following changes:
  - In #3, cross out community at end of the sentence and add “model school system”.
  - Add a number 5, taken directly from tonight’s agenda, which will state: “To recommend to the Hull School Committee and the Hull Board of Selectmen appropriate funding levels that we believe meets the needs of our students based upon our findings”
- Determined that Marianne Harte will perform duties as secretary, with Jennifer Ashley as back up secretary if needed
- Suggestions for enhancing communication included giving periodic updates to the Hull Times and providing a link on Cable Channel 22 for town website
- Phil Lemnios, Town Manager, cautioned people to understand and follow the legalities of public meetings: no emails, telephone calls or conversations that could affect outcome of decisions should happen, be mindful of having a quorum in any form of communication. Also mentioned that minutes should not be posted until approved at meeting by Committee members.
- Presented two (2) questions to the Committee about budget process. (See agenda for 6/25/09 for questions). Had discussion surrounding answers. Most people were familiar with the process, but felt they needed to learn more. All had followed the nearly yearlong rounds of meetings held by selectmen and by school committee members, and understood Town Meeting procedure.
- Dr. Tyrell presented information about the school budget. She called it a “Needs Based Budget”.

- Discussed how to disseminate information regarding grants, mandates, current budget, and needs based budget. The Committee felt it best to email in order to conserve printing, paper and ink costs.
- Next meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at High School Second Floor Exhibition Room. Agenda will focus on mandates in Special Education, and Grants. These items will be presented by Ms. Judith Kuehn, Director of Special Services and Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

### **Mission Statement of the Hull Public Schools Strategy Committee**

The Hull Public Schools Budget Strategy Committee is charged with the following:

1. To carefully and thoughtfully examine the HPS budget process and budget.
2. To develop an understanding of the intricacies of the school budget including:
  - a. state and federally mandated programs
  - b. yearly grants acquired by the school department
  - c. percentage of school budget funded by grants
  - d. percentage of school budget funded/supplemented by support groups
3. To engage in respectful and thoughtful discussion about community priorities for educating all HPS students and to what extent the budget reflects the values and priorities of the model school system.
4. To build trust and confidence across the committee so that members can speak honestly and knowledgeably with the greater community about the needs of the HPS to successfully educate all of its students.
5. To recommend to the Hull School Committee and the Hull Board of Selectmen appropriate funding levels that we believe meets the needs of our students based upon our findings.

## **Ground Rules for Meetings**

**Start and end meetings on time**

**Attendance is mandatory – may not miss 2 consecutive meetings**

**Email board if member will be late or absent**

**Stay on task, no side conversations**

**Be respectful of other's ideas – accept the fact there will be differences of opinion**

**Make decisions based on clear information**

**Bring closure to decisions**

**Standard meeting procedures apply – acceptance of minutes from previous meeting**

**Review of agenda**

**Committee members will support committee recommendations**

**Speakers list will be utilized**