

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL BUDGET STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009  
MINUTES

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  
Christopher Kearns – Community Member/Parent  
Richard Kenney – Hull Advisory Board  
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

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room.

Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services, presented the following information on special education requirements and costs:

- 23% of current school budget is for special education
- Free and appropriate education
- Least restrictive environment
- Continuum of services must be provided
- Special education goals:
  1. Increase capacity of the current special education programs
  2. Reduce the number of students placed out-of-district
  3. Create programs within the Hull Public Schools across the district

Learning Environment that is Adaptive and Friendly (LEAF)		
Grade Level	Program Implemented	Enrollment
Kindergarten – grade 2	September 2005	September 2009 – 8 students
Grade 3 – grade 5	September 2007	September 2009 – 6 students
Grade 6 – grade 8	September 2009	September 2009 – 6 students
Teaching Independence and Decision Making through Educational Support (TIDES)		

Grade 9 – grade 12	September 2004	September 2009 9 students
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- Six South Shore Educational Collaborative Classrooms in Hull Schools reduces transportation costs and adds ability to contract services or deduct from tuition (400 per classroom a month)
- Seven students will attend South shore Educational Collaborative Mini School programs in Hull in the fall of 2009
- Summer of 2008 one student transitioned from out-of-district to LEAF grades 3 –5
- Summer of 2008 one student transitioned from out-of-district program to South Shore Educational Collaborative at Jacobs School
- Fall of 2009 one student will transition from out-of-district program to LEAF kindergarten – grade 2
- Fall of 2009 one student will transition form South Shore Educational Collaborative at Jacobs School to LEAF grades 3 – 5
- Twenty-six students are currently attending in our-of-district schools (two cost share with other towns)
- Cost to send a student to South Shore Educational Collaborative in FY09 was \$38,194 - \$46,635
- Circuit Breaker = Foundation level \$37,328 - % of Net Claim returned to districts
- FY09=72%; FY10=28%-42% (has not been determined)
- Transportation is additional cost (no assistance form circuit breaker)
- Estimated FY10 transportation cost = \$333,575
  
- Early childhood programs are mandated to have in place by a child’s third birthday.
  
- How are priorities for special education established:
  - Driven by population of students and their needs
  - Changes in evaluation instruments
  - Professional development/training needs
    - \$133,675 Medicaid reimbursement was returned to the Town in FY09
    - Time consuming for special education staff to meet requirements
    - Return directly to district in FY10

Program Evaluation:

- Staff feedback at end of year
- Feedback from parents after re-evaluations
- Required by DESE

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.