

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL BUDGET STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009  
MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Ashley – Jacobs School Council/Parent  
Kathleen Carroll – High School Council/Parent  
Barbara Cross – Jacobs School Teacher  
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  
Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services  
Michelle Lanner – Parent  
John Lidington – Teacher  
Steve Manousos – Parent/Caregiver Group  
James O'Brien – Parent/ Caregiver Group  
Christopher Oliveri – Board of Selectmen  
Lori Perry, Booster Club/Parent  
Michele Proud – Parent  
John Schmid – Hull Advisory Board  
Joy Turpie – Assistant Superintendent  
David Twombly – Director of Operations  
Gregory Whelan – Jacobs School Council  
Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent was also in attendance

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

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following information on school entitlement and competitive grants:

Dr. Turpie used handouts to facilitate her presentation on grants. (see attached)

- Protocol for Entitlement Grants is very tight. The money that each school and district is entitled to receive is used for specific purposes. Part of the protocol in these grants is documentation showing why the money is being used, and that it is being allocated correctly.
- The committee received a brief primer about monies being allocated, paid for by the school district, for Hull students enrolled in private schools (ie: BC High) if the receiving school wishes to receive Title I monies. Hull must then give out a portion of the Title I dollars for the amount that that student generates regardless of whether they attend a Hull school or not.
- Any amendments that Hull wishes to apply for must have a written rationale for it to be considered.
- Dr. Turpie went over each entitlement grant listed on handout, and what these grants were used for. Michele Proude asked if Reading Recovery teachers could do a teacher training for district teachers, and Dr. Turpie said she would look into it.
- We are applying for all entitlement grants that we are eligible for

- Regarding the SPED stimulus funding, half of the monies will go towards continuing programming, the other half goes towards developing new programs (LEAF program at the Middle School)

Dr. Turpie then discussed Competitive Grants (see attached)

The various competitive grants we applied for and received, or are waiting to get word about are:

- SCWIB – this grant goes to assist high risk high school students (currently 5 kids, now participating in maintenance internships). This grant works to keep students in school; it requires that the student be employed 1 year after graduation or in going to college; students must be on a free lunch or poorer (below poverty level) and provide 6 months of records regarding poverty level.
- ASOST – Most often this is called the JASPER program, and it also funded all after school programs at the MMS (with the exception of student council and yearbook). A partnership (with both the Lifesaving Museum and the SS Conservatory of Music) with a community organization was needed to be awarded this grant. This budget has been from approximately \$42,562 to approximately \$30,000 for FY10.
- Mass Reading Association – this grant gives money in order to award a book to each child in school
- Full Day Quality Kindergarten Grant – Hull is still eligible although we are now implementing fees for full day kindergarten. However, the grant has been reduced to \$30,000.
- Academic Support – MCAS remediation (school year and summer)
- It should be noted that the school department has gotten hits from budget and grants. Along with having \$2,000,000 cut from the budget, everything else has been cut as well. This has placed an even larger burden on the school district to continue to supply a quality education when every revenue stream has been reduced, cut or eliminated.
- Dr. Turpie is currently accessing all grants that Hull is eligible for, recently received word we had lost the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.
- The committee was charged with putting a comparison of grant monies to what we are getting now, and making it public. Ideas for making it public included putting it online, putting a link on cable, putting it in the newspaper.
- Judy Kuehn remarked that while SPED and Title I grants will be higher while other grants will be reduced, they haven't gone up that much.
- Dr. Tyrell also informed the committee that in the past, grants had not been put in the budget. Now the budget reflects total salaries etc., because grants are now listed in the budget. ALL salaries are now included in the budget.

There was a question concerning the Hull Family Network grant, and the Community Partnerships for Children grant. In the past they were separate, but they have now been combined.

Committee has asked that administration define the model school system by school; grade and level.

It was decided to put off budget until August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

When putting together ideas of model school system, all ideas should reflect the circumstances and realities we face.

The August 5, 2009 meeting will work around discussion of the definition of 'a model school system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## FY09 COMPETITIVE GRANTS

GRANTED	TOTAL	DETAIL	
SCWIB	\$ 24,000	Student & instructor salaries	\$ 24,000
ASOST school year	\$ 47,694	Teacher stipends	\$ 26,419
		Music, lifesaving, library	\$ 5,102
		Late buses	\$ 12,428
		Supplies	\$ 3,745
ASOST summer	\$ 42,562	Stipends	\$ 29,625
		Supplies (wood, paper etc.)	\$ 11,737
		Buses between Jacobs/Memorial	\$ 1,200
Massachusetts Reading Association	\$ 1,000	One Book, One School - Jacobs	\$ 1,000
Full-day Quality Kindergarten	\$ 73,100	Administrative stipend	\$ 1,200
		Professional Staff	\$ 33,350
		Support Staff	\$ 24,000
		Contractual	\$ 350
		Supplies/Materials	\$ 14,100
		Printing/reproduction	\$ 100
Reading Recovery FY09	\$ 8,000	Salary	\$ 8,000
<b>TOTAL COMPETITIVE GRANTED</b>	<b>\$ 188,356</b>		<b>\$ 196,356</b>