

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

John Silva, Chair
Christopher Shipps, Vice Chair
John Lidington, Secretary
Stephen Avakian, Member
Rhoda Kanet, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Reynolds, Superintendent of Schools
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair informed the public that this was a Special School Committee Meeting to address the Hull High School NEASC Accreditation Report.

1. Response of the NEASC Committee on Public Secondary School to 90 Day Special Progress Report:

Superintendent stated that NEASC had removed Hull High School from warning status for Standard for Accreditation on Leadership and Organization. The high school still remains on warning for Standard for Accreditation on Community Resources for Learning. NEASC commended the high school on numerous areas. Dr. Reynolds read the letter from NEASC regarding the ninety-day special progress report from Hull High School (copy attached).

2. Overview of 90 day Special Progress Report from Hull High School to NEASC:

Dr. Russell Goyette, Hull High School Principal gave an overview on the Hull High School ninety-day special progress report. Dr. Goyette reported on the areas of progress that have been completed at Hull High School and the areas that are in progress at Hull High School. (copy of the 90-Day Special Report attached).

3. Ongoing Plans to Address NEASC Recommendations for High School:

Superintendent discussed the goals and objectives in the FY03 Hull High School Improvement Plan. All of the goals and objectives relate directly to the NEASC Accreditation Report. Dr. Reynolds also discussed the Hull Public Schools' District Improvement Plan and District Professional Development Plan for FY03. She stated she would bring the District Improvement Plan and District Professional Development Plan for FY03 for School Committee approval and adoption at the next meeting. She discussed the number of PDP hours that have been awarded to staff for FY02. Dr. Reynolds will be asking the District School Improvement Council to make a comparison between the professional development goals in each of the schools improvement plan and the district plan.

4. Other School Level Plans to Address NEASC Recommendations for Hull High School:

Dr. Russell Goyette discussed the thirty-two NESDEC recommendations related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment that he feels need to be worked on this year. Many of the recommendations were taken care of in the ninety-day report. School Resources for Learning and

Community Resources for Learning deal primarily with the building project and will be addressed by the building project if they have not already been addressed.

Superintendent stated that each of the recommendations have been disseminated to each department and individual teachers. Dr. Reynolds will ask that conversations about specific items be part of school level senate meetings with the principal, department meetings, and professional development activities. Over time the specifics will be compiled regarding what the individuals engaged in teaching and learning at Hull High School are doing about NEASC recommendations.

School Committee discussed:

- Teacher retention;
- Common Planning Time;
- MCAS;
- Rubrics;
- 1st Steps Continuum;
- Best practices for MCAS;
- Teaching to the test;
- IMP program;
- Faculty development;
- Sending more information to parents
- Mailing test results to parents;
- Teacher evaluation process;
- Covering all material that should be covered in a year;
- Assessment of student learning;
- Bloom taxonomy.

School Committee requested responses to the following questions:

- What is the percentage of eligible students in the Foundation Classes?
- How many non-SPED students are having problems with MCAS?

Jack Wholey, parent asked the following questions:

- How many SPED students in a class?
- What is the teacher / student ratio?
- Is there a SPED teacher or para-professional in all classes?
- Is there more than one-lesson plan in inclusion classes?

Mr. Wholey requested more communication with the public.

William Smyth, High School Council Member noted that information on the high school project has been in the Hull Times and on Hull Cable. Mr. Smyth suggested communications with parents be done via e-mail.

Old Business:

Steve Avakian requested an update on the Budget Subcommittee.

John Lidington noted that we are getting ready for next fiscal years budget. This will be a level funded budget. The obligated contractual amounts will be indicated and other present line items will be rolled over. The next Budget Subcommittee meeting will be November 4, 2002. Chair stated he would like to have budget meetings begin early this year.

Stephen Avakian suggested having information on the school cable station regarding what community people can expect in the next six months with the high school project. Chair stated he would speak to Frank McDonald, Owners Representative and John Reilly, Building Committee Chair about putting

together a program on the cable station of where we are and where we are going with the high school project.

New Business;

Chair asked Dr. Reynolds if plans have been made for Election Day. Superintendent responded that it is a professional developmental early release day and elections will be held at the Memorial Middle School.

Superintendent reminded everyone of the Memorial Middle School dedication on November 11th at 1:00 p.m. Students from Memorial School along with people who were at the original dedication will be present. Refreshments will be served.

Rhoda Kanet reminded everyone of the HASC Dinner at Jakes Seafood Restaurant on November 14th. Ms. Kanet encouraged everyone to attend this fundraiser.

Stephen Avakian questioned warrant # 116 – Kindercare.

Rhoda Kanet asked the following questions regarding magazines subscriptions at Hull High School:

- Are the subscriptions being used in the classrooms?
- How and where are the magazines being used?
- Are magazines from teacher requests?

Dr. Russell Goyette stated the decision has been made for the high school administration team to move back into the guidance suite at the high school. The guidance department will be relocated to the trailers. Dr. Goyette was responding to a question asked by Chair at the last School Committee meeting. Chair thanked Dr. Goyette for his quick response.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:43 p.m. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.