

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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
Gerald Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching
William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

A. Approval of Agenda:

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

B. Input from Public:

None

C. Student Representative's Report:

Mark Saville reported on the following:

- Winter sports;
- Girls Basketball;
- Boys Basketball;
- Cheerleading Team;
- Ice Hockey;
- Student vs. faculty basketball game;
- Boosters fall sports award;
- Girls cheerleading competition;
- AP Environmental Science field trip to Cape Cod;
- AP English field trip to the Huntington Theatre;
- AP English student letters for the 2003 writing contest.

Chair congratulated Mark Saville on behalf of the School Committee as one of the captains of the football team and the Thanksgiving win over Cohasset.

D. Superintendent's Reports, Requests, Announcements, Presentations and Recommendations:

Superintendent reviewed the process of school closing due to inclement weather. Dr. Reynolds commended the collaboration of the highway department, police department and fire department.

1. Update on Advanced Placement Environmental Science Field Trips (SC #1,3,4)

James Merritt, high school Advanced Placement Environmental Science teacher gave a PowerPoint presentation on the first field trip to Cape Cod. Students studied the geology of South Eastern Massachusetts and made maps of comparisons of freshwater to saltwater communities.

Mr. Merritt responded to School Committee questions.

Environmental science students presented School Committee and Superintendent boxes containing props used during their fieldtrip. Students responded to School Committee questions.

Mary Merrigan, HASC president, commended students. Ms. Merrigan stated that HASC would continue to support field trips for these types of learning.

2. Request for World Language Trip to Quebec (SC #1,3,4):

Marylou El-Shazly, high school world language teacher requested permission for an out of state field trip to Quebec City on April 21 – 24, 2003.

Dr. Russell Goyette, Hull High School Principal, noted his support for this field trip. Dr. Goyette stated that he would meet with students and parents to discuss fieldtrip

School Committee discussed:

- Cultural problems;
- Number of students attending trip to Quebec;
- Number of adults attending trip to Quebec;
- Fundraising;

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the out of state field trip to Quebec City on April 21 – 24, 2003. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

Superintendent stated that in the transportation contract for the field trip it would state that the driver is experienced and will not drive over the speed limit.

3. Presentation of Elementary Mathematics Program (SC #1-4):

Ray Joyal, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, gave an overview on the Everyday Math Program being taught at the L.M. Jacobs School. Marianne Weiner, L.M. Jacobs Curriculum Coordinator, Kathy DeiCicchi, kindergarten teacher, Jean Penta, grade two teacher, Joan Lowry, grade three teacher, and Paula Almeida, grade one teacher gave a report on the Every Day Mathematics program and their individual responsibilities.

School Committee questioned:

- When will administration make a comparison of the success of this program?
- What grades were piloted last year?
- What did Star Math show last year?
- How many teachers per grade piloted this math program?
- Does this program provide for differentiated learning?

School Committee discussed:

- Collection and tracking of data on Everyday Math;

School Committee requested information on the following:

- Student work products by the end of the school year;

Superintendent requested placing item D5 before item D4.

5. Report from Food Service Staff (SC #2,4):

Steve Moore, Administration Assistant for Business addressed School Committee issues concerning the high school food service program during the high school construction. Mr. Moore gave an overview of the food service program. He requested that if School Committee members receive telephone calls from community members/ parents to please have them call the central office.

Sandy Lavoie, Food Service Director added that there is no water in the kitchen at Hull High School. The food for the high school would be prepared at the Jacobs School.

Chair stated the main concern of the School Committee was that there was not enough food to feed the students and the quality of the food being served.

School Committee asked the following questions:

- Why weren't there more salads made when all salads were gone?
- Was staff ever aware that food had run out?

School Committee suggested that a letter be sent home to parents explaining what is going on for the lunch program at Hull High School during construction.

Chair on behalf of the School Committee thanked Steven Moore for his work in the Hull School System.

4. Presentation on DOE Cycle II School Performance Rating Report (SC #1,2,4):

Superintendent gave an overview on the Baseline MCAS data from Department of Education for English Language Arts and Mathematics for FY 99 and FY00 cycle II. School Committee voiced concerns about the decline in math scores at the Jacobs School.

6. Announcement Regarding New Staff and Staff Departures and Upcoming Retirements (SC#2):

Chair read letters from the following school personnel:

- Steven Moore, Assistant Business Manager will be resigning at the end of December;
- Catherine Abely, Jacobs School Title I Tutor will be retiring June 2003;
- Carolyn Young, Hull High School Guidance Counsel will be retiring June 2003;
- Michael Gagnon, Grade 5 Teacher at Jacobs School will be retiring June 2004.

John Lidington made a **motion** to accept letters of resignation and retirement with regret from Steven Moore, Catherine Abely, Carolyn Young and Michael Young (see attached) and directed Superintendent to send a letter to each of the effected people. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.

Adoption of FY03 Objectives for Superintendent (SC #1-4):

Chair read the four Superintendent goals and related objectives for FY03 stating School Committee will hold themselves accountable so that the implementation of the districts mission, vision and core values may be assessed.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to include at the end of Superintendent objective 2.1 Business *operations being one of those selected phases*. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to add to the end of Superintendent goal 3.2 *and documentation related to the extent that these plans have been realized is presented to School Committee no later then the end of FY03*. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to add to the end of Superintendent objective 4.2 *and documentation related to the extent that these plans have been realized*. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. (see vote below)

Chair stated it would be fair to give the Superintendent until the end of FY03 to report back to School Committee on Superintendent objective 4.2.

The **vote** on Rhoda Kanet's motion was as follows: Rhoda Kanet voted AYE; Stephen Avakian, John Lidington, John Silva voted NAY; and Christopher Shipps Abstained from voting. .

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to add to the end of Superintendent objective 4.2 *and documentation related to the extent that these plans have been realized be presented to School Committee no later than the end of FY03*. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.

E. Approval of Minutes:

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2002 School Committee meeting. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. Stephen Avakian, Rhoda Kanet, John Lidington, Christopher Shipps voted to approve the minutes. John Silva abstained.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2002 School Committee meeting. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.

F. School Committee Policy Issues:

Chair suggested postponing policy issues until the January School Committee meeting due to the lateness of this meeting. All members agreed with this recommendation.

Stephen Avakian suggested that the January 13, 2003 School Committee meeting begin at 7:00 p.m.

G. Old Business:

1. Report from School Building Committee:

Rhoda Kanet at the request of the Budget Subcommittee requested setting time to start the budget process for FY04. A School Committee meeting date was set for Monday, January 16, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Office of the Superintendent.

Chair stated there is no report on the Building Committee because the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer noted there would be a Building Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall for Building Committee members to sign warrants.

H. New Business:

Chair reminded School Committee members regarding payment for advertisement placed in the school playbook.

Chair informed the public about an in-service program at Memorial Middle School on Saturday, December 7th between the Jacobs School Teachers and graduate students from Bridgewater State College.

I. Approval of Warrants:

Christopher Shipps requested information on why there is a difference in the cost of dumpsters at high school vs. the three other school locations from Waste Management. William Hurst responded that two dumpsters are at the high school due to the recycling program. School Committee requested a report at the January School Committee meeting regarding the recycling program at Hull High School. .

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.

Chair wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Superintendent reminded everyone about the holiday party on Thursday, December 19th at the Clarion Hotel. There will be a buffet and open bar at the party.

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** reconvene the meeting at 10:38 p.m. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. All members **voted** approve the motion.

Superintendent stated she had meant to say “cash bar” not “open bar” when she reminded everyone of the holiday party.

Stephen Avakian made a motion to adjourn the School Committee at 10:40 p.m. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members **voted** to approve the motion.