

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Christopher Shipps chaired the meeting.

Budget meeting began at 6:12 p.m.

Superintendent read the name and the amount of school grants totaling \$1,307,356 for FY02 and \$1,264,854 for FY03 that have been brought into HPS by Dr. Gerald Fournier. Dr. Reynolds noted that the school budget dated 3/3/03 has been changed to reestablish high school track.

Rhoda Kanet requested a description of each grant and what each grant is being used for. Superintendent stated she would bring that information to a future School Committee meeting.

Stephen Avakian requested an analysis on Hull regarding the new DOE special education formula for students. Superintendent responded she would request Linda Gill, Special Education Director, to respond to this issue.

Christopher Shipps requested placing Representative Garrett Bradley on the March 24<sup>th</sup> School Committee agenda to discuss the state fiscal situation.

Rhoda Kanet voiced her concern about the increase in the Special Education Director's salary. Superintendent responded that the HPS Special Education Director is one of the lowest paid in the state. Christopher Shipps requested that the Superintendent send School Committee documents regarding Special Education Directors' salaries.

Jack Wholey, High School Council Member, discussed special education issues.

School Committee requested the following information:

- What are the prototypes of special education students that are being sent out of district?
- Is Hull per pupil cost for special education students more than surrounding towns?
- Are the students that go to alternative schools being counted in the Hull pass / fail MCAS rate?

Stephen Avakian asked if the school budget included any provisions for any new administration positions. Superintendent responded that the budget did not.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to adopt the central office budget in the amount of 3,343,052. John Lidington seconded the motion (see vote below).

School Committee requested the Superintendent to schedule a meeting with the Town Manager, Carl Katzeff, and a member of the Finance Committee to get a consensus on the school budget regarding Memorandum of Understanding dated May 14, 2002. School Committee also requested a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding sent to them.

School Committee voted unanimously on Stephen Avakian's motion.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to adopt the school budget as presented on March 3, 2003, in the amount of \$11,903,505. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to adjourn the budget meeting at 7:15 p.m. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Regular School Committee meeting began at 7:40 p.m.

Rhoda Kanet left the School Committee meeting due to a prior commitment.

Chair stated that this meeting would be a continuation of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> School Committee meeting.

## **E. School Committee Policy Issues**

### **4. Additional Policy Considerations:**

Maggie Ollerhead noted that the only change made was to policy BBBA/BBBB – School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office. She requested second reading approval from School Committee on this policy.

School Committee discussed the one-year time frame for new members attending orientation.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to accept policy BBBA/BBBB – School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office as second reading. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

John Lidington made a **motion** to accept the following policies as second reading:

- BA – School Committee Operational Goals
- BA-E – Committee Operational Goals
- BAA – Evaluation of School Committee Operation
- BB – School Committee Legal Status
- BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties;
- BBAA School Committee Member Authority;
- BBBC – School Committee member Resignation;
- BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment;
- BCA – School Committee Member Ethics;
- BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting;
- BDB – School Committee Officers
- BDC – Appointed Committee Officials;
- BDD – School Committee / Superintendent Relationships;
- BDD-E – Committee –Superintendent Relations.

Stephen Avakian seconded the motion. No vote was taken on this motion.

Stephen Avakian requested the MGL definition on residency of Hull with regards to policy BBBC – School Committee Member Resignation.

Stephen Avakian requested clarification from Town Counsel if the Assistant Superintendent should fall under policy BBC – Appointed Committee Officials.

John Lidington made an **amended motion** to accept the following section B policies but not to include policy BBBC or policy BDC:

- BA – School Committee Operational Goals;
- BA-E – Committee Operational Goals;
- BAA – Evaluation of School Committee Operation;
- BB – School Committee Legal Status;
- BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties;
- BBAA School Committee Member Authority;
- BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment;
- BCA – School Committee Member Ethics;
- BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting;
- BDB – School Committee Officers;
- BDD – School Committee / Superintendent Relationships.

Stephen Avakian seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the amended motion.

John Lidington made a **motion** to accept the following policies:

- BA – School Committee Operational Goals;
- BA-E – Committee Operational Goals;
- BAA – Evaluation of School Committee Operation;
- BB – School Committee Legal Status;
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- BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting;
- BDB – School Committee Officers;
- BDD – School Committee / Superintendent Relationships.

Stephen Avakian seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

#### **F. Approval of minutes:**

None.

#### **G. Old Business:**

##### **1. Report from School Building Committee:**

John Lidington reported the following:

- Color scheme for HHS selected;
- Leaks in bricks at MMS;
- Asbestos Abatement completed at HHS;
- Exterior and interior work at HHS.

William Hurst reported the following:

- Money withheld from BBC;
- Cement work at HHS;
- Telephone problem HHS;

Superintendent reported on the following:

- Installation of a pedestrian light at MMS;
- Training on equipment by staff members.

Superintendent commended William Hurst for his handling of building expenditures.

Dr. Russell Goyette, high school principal reported the following:

- Inside work at HHS;
- Heat problem at HHS.

Stephen Avakian requested a report from the Superintendent at a future School Committee meeting on the ITE space and physical fitness workout room at Hull High School.

Jack Wholey, High School Council Member, discussed the “L” Street field maintenance.

#### **H. New Business:**

Christopher Shipps requested the Superintendent make the Hull Public Schools Emergency Crisis Plan public for parents to know what to expect.

#### **I. Approval of Warrants:**

None

#### **J. Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members:**

Chair stated he had received a letter from Jack Wholey.

Jack Wholey, School Council Member, read his letter regarding physical education requirements.

Superintendent responded that Hull Public Schools has a four-year physical education policy requirement.

School Committee proposed that the entire physical education section of the policy manual be discussed.

Dr. Russell Goyette clarified three aspects of the physical education policy:

- Students take physical education;
- Students pass physical education to receive graduation credit;
- Alternative physical education credit.

Janet Scribner, High School Teacher, discussed what constitutes physical education.

Superintendent noted that a DOE civil rights audit, SPED program audit, and Title I allocation audit would be happening shortly.

Christopher Shipps reminded everyone that Representative Garrett Bradley would be speaking at the March 24<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting on the state fiscal situation.

John Lidington made a **motion** to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:35 p.m. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.