

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003

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
William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

At 7:05 p.m. Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and to reconvene into Open Session to continue the agenda. Stephen Avakian seconded motion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion. A roll call vote by School Committee members was taken (Rhoda Kanet did not go into Executive Session).

Minutes from Executive Session:

The School Committee met with counsel to discuss the litigation Kanet vs. School Committee and Kanet vs. Reynolds matters.

At 7:50 p.m. John Lidington made a **motion** to reconvene into Open Session. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion. A Roll Call vote by School Committee members was taken (Rhoda Kanet was not in Executive Session).

Continuation of agenda items remaining from the April 14, 2003, meeting.

Chair noted that tonight's agenda is only for discussing the High School Furniture, Fixture and Equipment budget. Dr. Reynolds has requested to speak about the HTA retirement party and John Lidington has requested to discuss an issue brought up at the Building Committee. Dr. Silva stated he would allow these requests.

- D. Superintendent's Reports, Requests, Announcements, Presentations and Recommendations
1. Request to Adopt Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Budget for Hull High School Building Project

Superintendent informed the Committee she has been advised that the ITE material placed in storage would not meet OSHA standards. The \$51,122 allocated in the FF&E budget will only purchase a minimal amount of material for the ITE program. Chair asked Superintendent where this information came from. Superintendent responded this information was from Frank MacDonald, Owners Representative, and William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer.

Dr. Russell Goyette, High School Principal, distributed a new summary of the cuts that have been made to the High School Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment budget. Dr. Goyette noted that a letter from the high school staff was also attached indicating support of this budget. He discussed each of the department cuts that have been decided by high school staff.

School Committee discussed the following:

- Auditorium risers
- Piano
- Calculators
- Exhibit Room
- Cafeteria furniture
- Contingency fund

School Committee voiced support for the ITE program and requested a copy of the ITE material that Arthur Augenstern discussed at a previous meeting.

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** that School Committee approve the High School Furniture, Fixture, and Equipment budget as presented and recommend this budget to the Building Committee in the amount of \$775,590.32. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. All members unanimously approved the motion.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** that School Committee request Building Committee to give serious consideration to purchasing risers and a piano for the Hull High School Auditorium. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

School Committee requested John Lidington to discuss with Building Committee the auditorium risers and piano request.

School Committee requested information:

- How is it determined that the best price is being offered on the wellness equipment?
- What items can be purchased without having to go out bid?
- A list of deleted items from the original FF&E budget proposal.

Superintendent requested School Committee vote to request Building Committee to authorize the hiring of a consultant who can give an assessment on the following:

- Can the materials that are stored for the production lab be brought up to OSHA standards?
- What would the cost be to bring these materials up to OSHA standards?
- What would the cost be for new equipment if these materials cannot be brought up to OSHA standards?

Chair stated that he would speak to Frank Macdonald, Owners Representative, regarding Superintendent's request and then bring this issue up at the next Building Committee meeting.

Superintendent on behalf of the HTA invited the School Committee to the HTA retirement party on May 16, 2003, at the Scituate Country Club. She requested School Committee let her know if anyone will be attending the retirement party.

John Lidington noted that at the Building Committee last Thursday a discussion of video monitors inside and outside Hull High School was discussed. During this meeting a member of the Building Committee asked if the internal video monitors was an invasion of privacy. Building Committee members have requested School Committee to give a general response. Is School Committee in favor of having surveillance monitors inside Hull High School?

School Committee discussed the following:

- Style or type of monitors;
- Theft;
- Location of monitors;
- Security issues.

Steve Avakian made a **motion** that as a matter of policy School Committee members are in favor of having internal surveillance video cameras in the corridors of Hull High School as a matter of safety. John Lidington seconded the motion. *See below for School Committee vote.

Superintendent stated that after this item is brought to Building Committee, School Committee should adopt a policy regarding this issue. Dr. Reynolds noted she would bring back to School Committee model policies on video monitoring within school buildings.

Dr. Goyette, High School Principal, stated video surveillance is about safety and security.

Joseph Doniger, High School Fine Arts Director asked the following:

- Will there be the ability to turn off video camera in certain areas because of dress rehearsals during the school plays?
- Who will be monitoring the video system during the day?

Chair noted that there would be someone to monitor the surveillance system during the day, and he would ask if some camera could be shut off at the next Building Committee meeting.

Chair recognized Public Input.

Jack Whooley, Community Member, asked questions regarding the Wellness Center.

*All School Committee members unanimously approved the motion.

School Committee thanked the high school staff for the outstanding job on the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment budget.

At 9:30 Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to adjourn the School Committee meeting. John Lidington seconded the motion. All members unanimously approved the motion.