

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Silva, Chair
Christopher Shipps, Vice Chair
Stephen Avakian, Member
Kristen Evans, Member
Rhoda Kanet, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. John Silva.

There was no agenda approved for this meeting.

Chair stated that the following items would be discussed at the meeting:

1. Interim Superintendent of Schools;
2. Superintendent of Schools Search Committee;
3. How much participation will be needed by MASC.

School Committee discussed the following:

- Interim Superintendent;
- Dr. Gerald Fournier as Interim Superintendent;
- Caveats: expectations and working conditions;

Also discussed were:

- Negotiations;
- Evaluation process;
- Desire for current educational programs to continue;
- Need to support block scheduling;
- Length of appointment for Interim Superintendent (June 2004 identified);
- Desire for continuity and least amount of disruption for the system;
- Public Forums for new Superintendent Search;
- Assistant Superintendent must have replacement;

Need to:

- Identify goals for new Superintendent;
- Form Superintendent Search Committee;
- Identify number of people on Search Committee;
- Consider fiscal constraints;
- Define what School Committee is looking for in a Superintendent;
- State goals for new Superintendent;
- Need organizational assistance in search

Chair stated that Glen Koocher, MASC Executive Director would be giving a presentation at the August 25th School Committee meeting. He requested School Committee members to prepare questions for MASC.

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The following community members spoke:

Stephen Lathrop, Community Member, discussed the previous Superintendent of Schools Search Committee.

John Lewis, High School Teacher noted the length of time a retired superintendent can work as an Interim Superintendent might be limited.

Mark Bornheim, Community Member, asked who would take over the Assistant Superintendent's duties.

Dennis Zaia, Community Member, requested that the Superintendent search be well structured, have accountability, clarity and consistency.

John Lidington, Community Member, noted that the South Shore Charter School will be moving to Norwell and many students could be returning to the Jacobs School. This would cause an overcrowding situation at that school. He suggested the Interim Superintendent should be a strong, pro-active person who understands what will be happening.

Bea Sloan, Community Member, asked if the money Hull would receive for students returning from the South Shore Charter School would help to house these students.

Judi Saide, MIS Director, stated a citizens group is very important on the search committee. Ms. Saide suggested citizens identify their background when requesting to be on the Superintendent Search Committee.

Jodi Trubeau, Paraprofessional, requested that the Search Committee should look through all the Superintendent applications.

Cathy Bowes, Parent, stated that School Committee should ask the community what they want in a Superintendent at public forums

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to ask administration to provide School Committee with a plan at the August 25th meeting suggesting Dr. Gerald Fournier as Interim Superintendent for FY04 that would be the least disruptive, have continuity for the system, consider fiscal restraints and continue current curriculum, literacy, etc. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion for discussion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to advertise in the local newspaper requesting anyone who is interested in being on the Superintendent of Schools Search Committee to send a letter to Dr. John Silva, School Committee Chair, 7 Hadassah Way, Hull, MA 02045 indicating his or her interest and identifying his / her affiliation / background by October 1, 2003. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion for discussion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chair stated that the Superintendent Search advertisement would not be placed in the newspaper until after the August 25th meeting.

School Committee noted that the dates for the public forums would be discussed at the August 25th School Committee meeting.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:45 p.m. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

