

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

John Silva, Chair  
Christopher Shipps, Vice Chair  
Kristen Evans, 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

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

A. Approval of Agenda

Superintendent requested inserting a new item E - Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and to resume into Open Session. Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve tonight's agenda with change. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion for discussion purposes. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Presentation by Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of MASC, on Superintendent Search

Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of MASC, gave an overview on the services and options MASC will provide during a Superintendent of Schools search. Mr. Koocher responded to questions from School Committee. Chair thanked Mr. Koocher on behalf of the School Committee for his presentation. Dr. Silva stated that he would be in contact with Mr. Koocher.

C. Input from the Public:

Raymond Joyal, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, read a letter signed by Hull Public Schools Administrators endorsing Dr. Gerald Fournier as the Interim Superintendent.

D. Superintendent's Reports and Requests

2. Report on DOE's Coordinated Program Review of the Hull Public Schools

Superintendent read highlights from the Executive Summary Coordinated Program Review Report. Dr. Reynolds commended Dr. Gerald Fournier and Linda Gill for the exemplary work done during this audit.

3. Request for approval of the Corrective Action Plan for the Coordinated Program Review of the Hull Public Schools

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the Corrective Action Plan on Civil Rights and Special Education for the Coordinated Program Review of the Hull Public Schools. Kristen Evans seconded the motion for discussion purposes. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** of appreciation to Dr. Gerald Fournier, Assistant Superintendent, Linda Gill, Special Education Director, and the administration for the exemplary work done on this Coordinated

Program Review. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion for discussion. All members voted to approve the motion.

1. Request for Approval of Hull High School Student Handbook

Superintendent stated that she was extremely pleased to present the Hull High School Student Handbook and requested School Committee approval. Dr. Reynolds noted that Nancy Mrzyglod did the primary work on this document.

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the Hull High School Student Handbook for the 2003 – 2004 school year. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion for discussion purposes. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to commend Nancy Mrzyglod for a very well done document. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion for discussion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Report on Resolution of Complaint of Unfair Labor Practice

Superintendent stated that the Department of Labor has ruled in favor of the Hull Public Schools regarding the Family Medical Leave complaint.

E. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations:

At 8:30 p.m. Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations only to come back into Open Session and continue the agenda. A roll call vote was taken by all School Committee members. Unanimously approved.

Minutes from Executive Session:

Discussion of reorganization of central office and high school staff.

At 9:13 p.m. John Silva made a **motion** to come out of Executive Session and to go back into Open Session. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by School Committee members. Unanimously approved.

Open session reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

F. Decision / Votes Regarding Interim Superintendent and Interim Assistant Superintendent

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to appoint Dr. Gerald Fournier as Interim Superintendent effective November 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 subject to contract review by Town Counsel. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion for discussion. A Roll Call vote was taken by School Committee. Unanimously approved.

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to appoint Nancy Mrzyglod as Interim Assistant Superintendent effective November 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 subject to contract review by Town Counsel. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion for discussion. A Roll Call vote was taken by School Committee. Unanimously approved.

Gerald Fournier, Assistant Superintendent, thanked School Committee for the vote of confidence. Dr. Fournier responded to a statement that was made at the last school committee meeting as reported in the Hull Times. He stated that the Hull Public Schools Administrators have never felt repressed by the current Superintendent of Schools.

Nancy Mrzyglod, Hull High School Curriculum Coordinator thanked School Committee for the vote of confidence.

#### G. Approval of Minutes

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the June 23, 2003 School Committee minutes as presented. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion for discussion. All members unanimously approved the motion.

Stephen Avakian stated that he did not receive the June 30<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> School Committee minutes in his School Committee packet. The minutes for June 30<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> were tabled until the next School Committee meeting.

#### H. Old Business

##### 1. Report on Activities of Subcommittee on Establishing Adult Education

Christopher Shipps stated that there would be a meeting of this subcommittee on Tuesday, August 26, 2003. A report would be presented at the next School Committee meeting.

##### 2. Report on Activities of Community Outreach Subcommittee:

No report was presented at this meeting.

##### 3. Report on Activities of Budget Subcommittee:

Rhoda Kanet presented recommendations of the Budget Subcommittee. Chair requested a copy of this report be sent to School Committee Members for discussion at the next School Committee meeting.

Superintendent noted that the roles of the Subcommittee were established when the Subcommittee was formed.

##### 4. Report on Activities of Salary Subcommittee:

No report was presented at this meeting.

##### 5. Report on Activities of the Industrial Technology Education Subcommittee:

Stephen Avakian stated there would be a meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Mr. Avakian invited members of the community to attend this meeting.

##### 6. Scheduling of Dates for Community Forums on Superintendent Search:

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to have community forums on Saturday, September 20, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and on Monday, October 20, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss public input for the new Superintendent of Schools search. Information is to be placed in the Hull Times, Hull Website, and notices will be sent home with students. Kristen Evans seconded the motion for discussion purposes. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Superintendent suggested asking Pam Wolfe or Dennis Zaia, Community Members, to help facilitate community forums. She stated a trained facilitator would make the process more productive.

#### I. New Business

Christopher Shipps requested that information for the L.M. Jacobs School building project plan and funding of the building project be placed on a future School Committee agenda. Chair asked Rhoda Kanet to bring this item up at the School Building Committee on Thursday evening.

School Committee discussed the following:

- Housing students;
- Accommodating students returning from South Shore Charter School;

- Funding of project;
- Bonding issue;
- Purchasing additional modulars.

Chair requested the Superintendent to ask Town Counsel and Town Manager how much money is left in the school building bonding issue. Superintendent stated that she has an updated figure on the cost of the Jacobs School project. Christopher Shipps requested the Superintendent send School Committee that information.

Superintendent stated that there would be a new teacher orientation on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. New teachers will receive a tour of the town and lunch provided by Jakes Restaurant.

Dennis Zaia, Community Member, asked School Committee to continue public input at School Committee meetings.

Chair stated that a School Committee meeting is to conduct the business of the schools. School Committee is considering restricting public input to agenda items and maybe having additional town forums for public input.

Superintendent discussed the many delays on the high school building project. Dr. Reynolds noted the amount of work that Judi Saide, MIS Director has done regarding the technology at Hull High School. She commended Judi Saide and asked anyone who meets Judi to thank her for her work.

Superintendent commended William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer, for the vast amount of work he has done behind the scenes in the Hull Public Schools. Kudos to Bill Hurst.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 10:05 p.m. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion for discussion purposes. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

