

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2003  
PUBLIC INPUT 7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING 7:30 P.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerald Fournier, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Nancy Mrzyglod, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer

At 7:05 p.m. the Chair gaveled those in attendance to order and told them the official School Committee meeting would begin at 7:30 p.m. and that the remaining time would be devoted to the public and their concerns. He asked if anyone had any questions to ask the committee. David Weydt said that representing the physical education department of the high school, he had some concerns about the space allotted to the wellness center. Initially in planning for the area the physical education people were told that the wellness center would be approximately 1700 square feet. The current plans call for a center that is slightly in excess of 1300 square feet. Dr. Silva said that the committee would look into the situation.

Felicia Brophy, Memorial Middle School Parent, addressed the School Committee giving voice to her concerns about a student who brought alcoholic to the last dance that was held at Memorial School. Mrs. Brophy stated that no communication was shared with parents about this incident. Interim Superintendent stated that he had e-mailed School Committee about the incident and the actions the middle school administration was taking. He stated he would report back to School Committee at the next meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and the salute to the Flag was held.

A. Approval of Agenda

School Committee discussed adding a report on the Adult Education Diploma Program under Old Business and postponing the Recognition of the Sixth Grade teachers who participated in Nature's Classroom Field Trip under Superintendent's Reports. Rhoda Kanet made a motion to approve tonight's agenda with changes. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Input from Public on Agenda Item  
None

C. Superintendent's Reports and Requests

1. Recognition of Sixth Grade Teachers regarding Nature's classroom Field Trip  
Tabled until the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

D. New Business

None

E. Old Business

1. Report of ITE Sub-Committee:

Stephen Avakian said that the subcommittee went to the Oakmont Regional High School and the Gateway Regional High School, which has Project Lead the Way. Mr. Avakian said that he would be prepared to make a presentation on the results of the trip within the next two meetings. He also said that an inventory of the old equipment needs to be done.

2. Report of Building Committee:

John Silva gave a report of the Building Committee. The Memorial project was budgeted for \$13 million and came in approximately \$1 million under that figure. Phase I at Hull High School is now complete. Contractors are working on phase II. Heating problems still exist and are being looked into. The high school project will most likely cost \$20 million although the SBAB will only reimburse the project for approximately \$18.1 million. The Jacobs was initially budgeted at \$14 million and will probably cost around \$20 million. The Building Committee has been very frugal with the town's money.

3. Report on Adult Education Diploma Program:

Christopher Shipps gave a report of the subcommittee working with Wellspring to see if it is possible to give Hull High School diplomas for Wellspring graduates. Interim Assistant Superintendent Nancy Mrzyglod will analyze Wellspring's educational goals and see how they compare with Hull High School's. The next meeting of the committee will be Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Fournier indicated that a preliminary budget for FY05 has been handed out to the School Committee. There will have to be more input from all parties concerned.

Steve Avakian commended Bruce Berman for the Memorial Middle School's newsletter. He recommended that Dr. Fournier should plan a section of a subsequent meeting to interpret the MCAS data.

Rhoda Kanet suggested that the MCAS data for SPED students should be disaggregated and their information shared with the committee and the building staffs.

F. Approval of School Committee Minutes

Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to approve the minutes of September 29<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded for discussion purposes by Kristen Evans and passed unanimously. Christopher Shipps made a **motion** to accept the minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Kristen Evans seconded the motion for discussion purposes. The vote was four in favor of accepting and one abstention (Steve Avakian). Stephen Avakian made a **motion** to accept the minutes from October 27<sup>th</sup> with a second by Christopher Shipps. The motion passed unanimously. The last set of minutes were from November 13<sup>th</sup>. Steve Avakian made a **motion** to accept, and Christopher Shipps seconded the motion for discussion purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. Christopher Shipps made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract grievances and to not to come back into Open Session. Stephen Avakian seconded the motion and by a roll call vote the motion was unanimously passed.

