

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2004
BUDGET MEETING 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerald Fournier, Interim Superintendent
Nancy Myzrglod, Interim Assistant Superintendent
William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer

Chair opened the budget meeting at 5:08 p.m.

School Committee discussed the Memorial Middle School and Hull High School budgets.

Chair asked Superintendent about Town Manager's review of the school budget. Superintendent responded it is based on enrollment.

School Committee discussed the following:

- Floating secretary;
- Secretarial duties;
- Substitutes;
- Paraprofessionals;
- Fees for clubs and activities;
- Group purchasing with other towns;
- Textbooks;
- Care of grounds

School Committee asked the following questions:

- Could we get along with one less secretary?
- What is the status of the program of studies?
- Will all courses be offered?

School Committee requested a breakdown on technology salary.

At 7:10 p.m. the Chair called the meeting to order and the salute to the Flag was held. The Chair stated that this was public forum time and asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak. No one did. The Chair took a personal privilege by stating that when he was asked to be an interpreter for a

Portuguese family at the Jacobs School he had a wonderful experience. He stated that Ray Joyal, his staff and the students at the Jacobs School were all great. The Chair emphasized the deep caring feeling he felt while he was at the school.

The Chair stated that since the Public Forum is posted to begin at 7:00 p.m. and the regular School Committee meeting is posted at 7:30 p.m. the meeting is not allowed to start until 7:30 p.m. and many times there is a very limited amount of public input. The Chair suggested that the meetings should be posted stating that if Public Forum ends before the half hour, the regular School Committee meeting will begin at that time.

Chair opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chair noted that Rhoda Kanet would not be attending due to a serious illness in her family.

Chair noted that Joanne Trubia would be sitting at the School Committee table representing the HTA.

A. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Avakian made a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented. Christopher Shipps seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

B. Input from the Public on Agenda Items:

None.

C. Superintendent's Reports:

1. Fall MCAS Re-test Results:

Superintendent stated 21 of 26 students passed the MCAS re-test. Of the 5 juniors that did not pass, the lowest score was 216, which is 4 points away from passing. There will be two more re-tests this year, in March and May. Kristen Evans asked if there was tutoring available to help the students and the Superintendent informed the committee that, yes there was help, and these students are in Foundations classes.

2. FY 03 SAT & AP Results:

Superintendent asked the committee to look in their packets at the 12-year history of verbal and math SAT scores. Dr. Fournier noted that although there was a decline from 500 on last year's verbal tests, the 12-year history shows that this was the highest number of students who participated in the testing. The Superintendent stated that he invited the College Board representatives to the meeting to assist the district in the identification of weak areas and in developing ways to improve the scores. He also noted that in last years AP Calculus test all students scored 1. He explained that the reason was that the teacher was not trained in AP. The Superintendent noted that all teachers teaching AP would be trained in AP per School Committee policy. Also, the High School has introduced an SAT prep course on Saturdays that Rhoda Kanet has been trained in and is teaching. Next semester there will be an SAT prep course during the school day as well as after school.

3. Report from College Board Representatives on SAT and AP Improvements:

The Chair introduced Jennifer Jenkins and Greg Walker, two education managers at The College Board. Jennifer and Greg presented their program to the committee and discussed how this program could help Hull with PSAT, SAT and AP scores. The College Board Goals include
Improve student achievement and preparation for college for *all* students.
Support systemic change in the school or district.
Provide content-rich professional development to teachers across multiple grades and subjects.

Connect assessments to learning.

The College Board representatives answered YES to committee members' questions including:

- Will the College Board help and support us?
- Will you map out and make suggestions for professional development opportunities?
- Can we get a follow-up report on what happened today and when we are going to have more meetings?

Chris Shipps congratulated the administration for identifying the systematic problems during the PIMS process.

4. Business Education Curriculum (second reading):

Steve Avakian asked the Superintendent if there is a sounding board to developing this curriculum. Dr. Fournier stated that Massachusetts has no framework for business education and that he looked to other states that use standards and tweaked those standards to our best advantage. He stated that the business education curriculum is the result of 2 years of work.

Steve Avakian made a **motion** to accept the Business Education Curriculum as second reading. Chris Shipps seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

5. High School Pathways:

Superintendent and Dr. Russell Goyette, High School Principal, explained the term "pathways" and how this will be implemented at Hull High School.

6. FY05 Budget:

The Chair informed the audience that a budget meeting was held before this evenings meeting and that the next budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004 before the regularly scheduled School Committee meeting.

D. Approval of Minutes:

Steve Avakian made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2004 School Committee minutes as presented. Chris Shipps seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

E. New Business:

None.

F. Old Business:

1. Building Committee Report:

2. Wellness Center/ITE Space Allocation:

The Chair informed the committee that at the last School Building Committee meeting they spent 1 ½ to 2 hours discussing the space allocated to the Wellness Center and the ITE rooms. At that meeting the School Building Committee voted to move a portion of one wall in the CAD Center in approximately 9 feet making the Wellness Center 1620 square feet, cutting the ITE space to 3040 square feet. Dr. Silva told the committee that the reason the vote had to take place at Thursday nights meeting was because construction of the walls in those rooms was to begin Friday morning. Russ Goyette added that if at any time there is a need to move the wall back in could be done at a minimal cost.

The Chair discussed other topics brought up at the Building Committee, which included:

- Heating issues at the High School.
- Governor Romney trying to move \$50,000,000 to School Building Projects.
- Jacobs School construction. Delay construction for a year to 18 months.
- Population of the Jacobs School next year dependent upon Charter School enrollment.

3. Policy Issues:

- Policy BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings. The Chair suggested that the second meeting of each month will start at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of Public Input but if public input ends early then the School Committee will go right into the regular meeting. Maggie Ollerhead was asked to reword the Public Forum section of the policy and bring back for third reading. No vote was taken.
- Policy CD – Management Team. The School Committee put a hold on this policy and asked Maggie to add a number 14 to “the Principals in their respective schools shall:” to include – *Supervise the effective conduct of the School Councils.*

Christopher Shipp made a **motion** to approve the following policies from Section C for second reading:

- CA
- CB
- CBD
- CBG
- CBI
- CBI-R
- CBI-E
- CCA
- CCB
- CE

Kristen Evans seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

G. Approval of Warrants:

Warrants were circulated and signed.

H. Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members:

Steve Avakian requested that, because of the timing, the Superintendents Report include ITE progress.

I. Adjournment:

Steve Avakian made a **motion** to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:50 p.m. Kristen Evans seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

