

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2004

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christopher Shipps, Chair

Kristen Evans, Vice Chair arrived at 7:15 p.m.

James Canavan, Secretary arrived at 8:20 p.m.

Catherine Bowes, Member

Rhoda Kanet, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Delaney, Superintendent of Schools

Gerald Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer

Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with the Salute to the Flag.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Chair requested moving the breathalyzer policy and field trip policy up on the agenda as soon as James Lampke, Town Counsel arrived. Mr. Shipps also stated he would be making a presentation after item 4.0. Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to approve tonight's agenda with requested changes. Catherine Bowes seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted to approve the motion.

3.0 Input from the Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

None

Chair presented Dr. Gerald Fournier with a certification of appreciation for the work he did during his tenure as Interim Superintendent. Dr. Fournier thanked the Committee.

5.0 Business Items – Superintendent

5.1 Director of Student Services Position

Superintendent stated that Linda Gill, Director of Special Education, would be leaving the system in September. Dr. Delaney noted that the position would be expanding to Director of Student Services.

5.2 Accreditation of Early Childhood Program

Superintendent congratulated Raymond Joyal, Jacobs School Principal, and his staff for the great effort that was done on receiving accreditation from NAEYC. Dr. Delaney stated that this speaks well for the system.

5.3 Acceptance of Gift from Waxler Foundation

Superintendent announced that Hull Public Schools has received the last installment of money from the Waxler Foundation. Dr. Delaney thanked Leonard Colten for presenting the money.

5.4 Jacobs School Enrollment

Superintendent stated that she anticipates having enough space for students who will be returning from the South Shore Charter School in September. Chair read the student enrollment and class size. School Committee requested the enrollment and class size for last school year.

5.5 High School Student/Parent Handbook

Dr. Russell Goyette, High School Principal, presented the FY05 high school student/parent handbook.

School Committee requested the following changes:

- ?? Page 2 – Grade Reporting – add the word *all* after the word *to* and before the word *students* on line 1.

School Committee asked if semesters were used at Hull High School and suggested aligning the Grade Point Average and Rank in Class section of the handbook with the School Committee Determination of Class Rank policy.

School Committee discussed the following:

- ?? Progress Reports;
- ?? Grade Point Average and Rank in Class;
- ?? Academic Review Board;
- ?? Age of Majority;
- ?? Attendance regulations;
- ?? Tardiness;
- ?? Alcohol policy;
- ?? Homework policy.

School Committee suggested using a homework policy from other districts and making changes as needed. The homework policy should include outside reading in addition to the forty-five minutes of homework for each subject. Superintendent suggested the October School Committee to discuss policy IKB – homework policy. School Committee also requested that the alcohol policy be included in the student handbook.

Kristen Evans made a **motion** to approve Hull High School Student/Parent Handbook for FY05 with suggested changes. Catherine Bowes seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

James Lampke, Town Counsel, discussed and presented to School Committee his suggested changes to policy IJOA School-Sponsored Field Trips. Attorney Lampke also distributed information from the State Department of Education on Requirements for school districts policies governing late night and overnight school sponsored student travel.

James Lampke, Town Counsel, presented School Committee with information and research regarding a policy on breathalyzer testing at school sponsored events.

7.2 New England Theatre Conference

Joseph Doniger, Hull High School Theatre Arts Director requested permission to take members of the Theatre Arts Classes and Extra-curricular theatre program to Portland, ME to participate in the NETC Theatre Olympiad on November 11 – 14, 2004.

Motion made by Rhoda Kanet to approve the trip to the New England Theatre Conference on November 11-14, 2004 in Portland ME. James Canavan seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously on the motion,

5.6 Memorial School and Hull High School surveys

Superintendent requested to postpone this item until the September 13th School Committee meeting.

6.0 New Business Items

None

7.0 Old business Items

7.1 Connect Ed.

Gerald Fournier, Assistant Superintendent updated School Committee on the following regarding Connect Ed:

- ?? Available 24 hours a day;
- ?? Annual fee of \$5.00 per student;
- ?? Rediker information is used for Connect Ed;
- ?? School secretaries updates our Rediker system;
- ?? Message will be from someone within the school system.

School Committee requested that parents be asked what do parents want on this message system when the next school survey is sent out.

Rhoda Kanet gave the following update from the Building Committee meeting on Hull High School:

- ?? Gymnasium;
- ?? Roof;
- ?? Furniture budget.

8.0 Approval of Minutes

Kristen Evans made a **motion** to approve the July 12, 2004 School Committee minutes as presented. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

Rhoda Kanet made a **motion** to approve the July 12, 2004 School Committee Executive Session minutes. Catherine Bowes seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

Catherine Bowes made a **motion** to approve the July 26, 2004 Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

James Canavan made a **motion** to approve Policy BEDB-E – Sample Agenda for first reading. Kristen Evans seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

James Canavan made a **motion** to approve Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity for second reading. Kristen Evans seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

James Canavan made a **motion** to approve Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements and Policy IHAA – Supplement, Not Supplant for third reading / adoption. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

After discussion by School Committee on Policy FFA – Special Dedications of School Areas the following change was made:

?? First paragraph - add the words *orderly communication and a deliberate procedure and requires* after the word deserves and before the word thoughtful in the first sentence. Additional discussion of this policy was postponed to the next School Committee meeting.

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Rhoda Kanet questioned warrant # 1022 – Business Management Systems, Inc.

Superintendent updated School Committee on the following:

- ?? Letter welcoming back staff members on September 7th;
- ?? New teacher orientation on September 1st and September 2nd.

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

13.0 Executive Session

At 9:45 p.m. James Canavan made a **motion** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and litigation. Rhoda Kanet seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken by School Committee members.