SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Evans, Chair James Canavan, Vice Chair arrived at 7:36 p.m. Kevin Richardson, Secretary Catherine Bowes, Member arrived at 7:36 p.m. Jack Wholey, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Delaney, Superintendent of Schools Gerald Fournier, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching 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 7:02 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School, 81 Central Avenue, with the Salute to the Flag.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Jack Wholey Moved to approve the School Committee agenda as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Matthew Howard, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:

- Report Cards
- Fall Sports
- Football Pep Rally
- Forensics
- School Play
- Mock Trial
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Jack Wholey Moved to approve Tuesday, November 1, 2005 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Jack Wholey

Moved to approve Tuesday, November 1, 2005 School Committee Executive

Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Jack Wholey

Moved to approve Tuesday, November 8, 2005 School Committee Budget

Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Jack Wholey

Moved to approve Tuesday, November 8, 2005 School Committee meeting

minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Jack Wholey **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Tuesday, November 8, 2005 School Committee Executive

Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve Wednesday, November 9, 2005 School Committee Workshop

minutes as presented.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Jack Wholey)

7.0 Business Items - Superintendent

7.1 Mediation Program

Mary Jean Schultz, Hull Mediation Program Coordinator, presented an overview of the Hull Community Mediation program. Ms. Schultz stated that she had several meetings with school administrators and that a partnership program had been established with the Hull Schools. She discussed mediation choices regarding conflict or potential conflict situations regarding students.

7.2 Educational Quality Assurance (EQA) Audit

Dr. Delaney stated that there are five domains in the Educational Quality Assurance Audit and she would be discussing one domain at each School Committee meeting. She read each of the standards, indicators, rating and action taken within the Assessment and Evaluation domain of the audit. Dr. Delaney stated that within the Assessment and Evaluation domain there were 28 indicators of which eighteen were rated satisfactory and ten were rated poor. All of the poor ratings have been acted upon. She responded to questions from School Committee members.

Jack Wholey stated that he would bring to the next School Committee meeting the MGL regarding attendance being kept on the counter in the school office.

Jack Wholey requested information on the ITE Program at Hull High School. Dr. Delaney stated that the high school ITE teacher would be at a future meeting to answer any questions.

7.3 Ratification of School Nurses Agreement

Dr. Delaney stated that the Hull School Nurses contract for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 had been ratified. She requested School Committee vote to approve this contract and sign each of the original contracts that were presented at the meeting.

Motion: Kristen Evans **Second:** James Canavan

Moved to ratify the Massachusetts Laborers' District Council International Union of N.A., AFL-CIO, Hull School Nurses Local 1162 contract for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Letter of Intent to Retire

Chair read a letter from William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer regarding his intent to retire on June 30, 2006. School Committee thanked Mr. Hurst for his thirty-seven years of service in the Hull Schools.

8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Delaney requested that the School Committee meetings continue to meet on Tuesday evenings during January and February 2006 because she would like to attend the Advisory Board Committee meetings on Monday evenings. Jack Wholey objected to this request because he wants to attend the school basketball games on Tuesday evenings. After discussion by School Committee members it was decided to meet on Wednesday evenings during that time period.

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to schedule School Committee meetings from January 9th through February 27th on Wednesday evenings and to schedule meetings from March 13th through June 19th on Monday evenings.

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Subcommittee Organization

School Committee requested the following information be presented at the December 13th meeting:

- List of all School Committee Subcommittees
- Stated purpose of Subcommittee
- Names of members on each Subcommittee

10.0 School Committee Policy

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading with suggested changes:

Policy DIB Types of Funds/Revolving Funds

Policy DJC Petty Cash Accounts

> Add the word **any** after the word *sign* and before the word *checks* in the last sentence.

Policy DJC-R Petty Cash Accounts

Student Activities Funds Policy JJF

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Policy GCCC-R – Family and Medical Leave Act with the following changes:

- Add the words or a denial of the leave all together to the end of the second sentence in item (d).
- Add the words FMLA leave shall run concurrently with any other contractual or statutory leave to the end of the last sentence in item (d).

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading with suggested changes:

Policy H **Negotiations**

Policy HA **Negotiations Goals**

Policy HB **Negotiations Legal Status**

School Committee Powers and Duties Policy HD Policy HF School Committee Negotiating Agent

Policy HP Staff Job Actions

Add the words and initiate appropriate legal action to the end of the first paragraph.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Jack Wholey asked questions on the following warrants:

- Student Activity Account #12
- #9 Student Activity Account
- #10 Student Activity Account

James Canavan requested information be given to School Committee members regarding the benefits to each school for the soda/juice machines.

Jack Wholey asked questions on the following warrants:

Student Activity Account

Kevin Richardson stated that it is not the job of the School Committee on how the money is spent in the student activity accounts.

James Canavan asked if this payment was an honorarium. The Athletic Director responded that is was an honorarium.

Jack Wholey stated that any volunteer has to be MIAA certified.

Jack Wholey questioned the following warrants:

- #11 **Student Activity Account**
- **Chartwells Corporation** #1148
- Massasoit School #1149
- #1152 National Union Fire Insurance Co.
- #1156 American Hess Corp.

#1157 South Shore Regional Schools

Mr. Wholey requested Dr. Gerald Fournier to get information on how much it would cost to join South Shore Vocational School.

Mr. Wholey again asked questions on the following warrant: #1158 North River Bus Co.

Chair and Superintendent reviewed each warrant that Jack Wholey questioned which each School Committee Member had a chance to review before the meeting.

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee

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Kristen Evans stated that the HASC dinner on November 17th at Jake's Restaurant raised over \$7,000. She encouraged teachers to apply for HASC grants.

Kristen Evans commented on Jack Wholey's November 17th letter in the Hull Times stated that ADA issues are being addressed at Hull High School.

Kevin Richardson stated he would forward Dr. Delaney a report on the ADA issues.

Recess at 8:49 p.m. Reconvene at 8:52 p.m.

Parents, students, School Committee Members, and the Superintendent discussed Policy JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility.

The following people voiced their concerns about the eligibility of students not being allowed to play in the Thanksgiving football game because of failing one core subject as stated in Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility.

- Jeannette McKenna, High School Student;
- Lee Ann Alexander, Parent;
- Matt Bennett, Parent;
- Denise Heavern, Parent;
- Nancy Sullivan, Parent;
- Elaine Bethman, Parent
- William Alexander, High School Student

School Committee stated that a great amount of discussion went into this policy. The change to this policy was approved at the August 22^{nd} meeting, placed in the high school handbook and distributed to students. The Athletic Director also addressed classes on this policy change. Also, Jonathan Ford, High School

Principal made a Connect Ed call to all parents who did not sign and return the student handbook.

Motion: Jack Wholey **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Policy JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility.

Chair looked up the MGL regarding reasons allowed to go into Executive Session and informed Mr. Wholey that the discussion of policies does not fall under the Executive Session Law. No vote was taken on this motion.

School Committee requested that Jonathan Ford, High School Principal attend a future School Committee meeting to discuss the frequency of progress reports being sent home to parents.

Dr. Delaney stated that academics should be put first and recommended that School Committee uphold this policy.

Motion: Jack Wholey

Moved to waive Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility for this semester. There was no second and no vote on this motion.

School Committee requested that Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility be placed on a future meeting agenda.

Motion: James Canavan **Second:** Catherine Bowes Moved to go into Executive Session at 9:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining and not to reconvene into Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Jack Wholey, Kristen Evans, James Canavan, Catherine Bowes and Kevin Richardson.