

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Evans, Chair

James Canavan, Vice Chair arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Kevin Richardson, Secretary

Catherine Bowes, Member

Jack Wholey, Member arrived at 7:04

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Delaney, Superintendent of Schools

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 7:03 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School, 81 Central Avenue, with the Salute to the Flag.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

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

Moved to approve the School Committee agenda as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Kayla Dennett, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:

- Mock Trial at Hingham Court House
- Forensics trip to New York
- Poetry contest
- Drown Hog Day
- Martin Luther King Breakfast
- Midterms
- Report cards
- Boys basketball team will play in the MIAA Tournament
- Hockey Team

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Kevin Richardson requested scheduling a public forum on the budget. Kristen Evans responded that scheduling a public forum should wait until after the budget workshop scheduled for Saturday, January 28th.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the November 22, 2005 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the November 29, 2005 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the December 6, 2005 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the December 12, 2005 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the December 13, 2005 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the January 11, 2006 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve the January 11, 2006 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the January 11, 2006 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the January 19, 2006 School Committee Budget Workshop minutes with the following change:

- The following people were present:

Advisory Committee Members

James O'Brien

Joan Senatore

Dennis Zaia

Charlene Tyson (arrived at 8:35 p.m.)

Others Present

Mary Merrigan

Mark Abrahams

Judy Killinger
Louella Weiner

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 School Improvement Plans

Raymond Joyal, Jacobs School Principal, Jean Krim, Memorial School Principal, and Jonathan Ford, High School Principal, updated the Committee on what has taken place in each of their schools since last Spring regarding MCAS results. Some of the areas are listed below:

- Analysis of MCAS scores
- Parent survey
- Information placed on the school website
- Daily MCAS questions
- John Collins writing in classrooms
- Rearranging MCAS schedule
- MCAS problem of the day
- Analyzing students responses
- Project LEAP
- Professional Development
- Student transitioning between schools
- Correspondence with parents
- School newspaper
- PIMS report

Project LEAP, a math grant written with the Whitman School Department will be discussed at a future School Committee meeting.

7.2 High School Dual Enrollment Program

A draft proposal for establishing a dual enrollment program with Quincy College was presented by Jonathan Ford, High School Principal. Mr. Ford requested approval from School Committee for Hull High School to enter into a one-year agreement with the college. English Composition I and II would be offered to students during the 2006 – 2007 school year. Students in their junior and senior year would be allowed to participate in this program at a cost of \$25 per credit. If the program proved successful, it could be expanded for future years.

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Hull High School entering into a dual enrollment program with Quincy College for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.3 Attendance Counselor

Rebecca MacDonald, System-wide Attendance Counselor, presented an update on her progress and challenges since beginning her position last October. The following are some examples:

- Intervention with sixty-five students
- Reviewed attendance policy
- Reviewed student handbook
- Interaction with the District Court
- Scheduled home visits with students

- Prepared student re-entry plans
- Worked with parents on language / cultural barriers
- Managed student medical issues
- Worked with students on depression / anxiety
- Interpreted state laws
- Intervention with students under ages six and over age sixteen.

She also discussed revising the attendance policy to include procedures carried from school to school, and improving communication with parents.

7.4 Preventative Maintenance

An overview of the new electronic preventative maintenance program was presented by Jim Griffin, Facilities Manager. The following is a summary of his discussion:

- Log-in sheet for work orders
- Sample work orders
- Selection of problem area
- Comment page
- List of manufacturers
- List of equipment
- Preventative maintenance schedule.

8.0 New Business

Dr. Delaney announced that *On The Same Page Grant Committee* is having a kick-off town-wide book discussion on Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Hull Library. Michael Tougias, the author of **Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do** and Christopher Haraden, the author of **The Story of the Century** will be present to sign books.

9.0 Old Business

Catherine Bowes reported that at the last Building Committee, PMA Consulting Company was selected to be the Owners Project Manager for the Jacobs School construction project.

10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve Policy DFD – Gate Receipts for School Events for third reading / adoption.

Vote: 4-1-0 (Jack Wholey)

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading:

- Policy IA – Instructional Goals
- Policy IE – Organization of Instruction
- Policy IGA – Curriculum Development
- Policy IHA – Basic Instructional Program
- Policy IHAE – Physical Education
- Policy IHAEA – Alternative Physical Education Program Policy and Application Process
- Policy IHAM – Health Education
- Policy IHAM-R – Health Education
- Policy IHAMA – Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco
- Policy IHAMA-R – Parental Notification Relative To Sex Education
- Policy IHAMA-E – Sample Notice to Parent/Guardians

- Policy IHBA - Special Educational Programs and Accommodations for Children with Special Needs
- Policy IHBA-E Hull Public Schools Special Education Process Book

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Questions were asked by School Committee members regarding the following warrants:

James Canavan - #1227 – The Ockers Co.

Kevin Richardson - #1232 – Fire Alarm Service

Jack Wholey - #23 – Fund transfer – Hull High School

Jack Wholey - #1229 - Nantasket Youth Center

Jack Wholey - #1230 – Special Education tuition

Jack Wholey - #1237 - Office Depot

Jack Wholey - #1233 – Solar-Tech Corp.

Jack Wholey - #1231 – North River Bus Co.

Jack Wholey - #20 - Coca Cola Co.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve school warrants.

Vote: 4-1-0 (Jack Wholey)

12.0 Correspondence to and comments from School Committee Members

A list of the student names that won first place in the grades 6, 7, and 8 Memorial Middle School Science Fair was announced by Kristen Evans. School Committee congratulated all the students that participated in the science fair.

Kristen Evans acknowledged a letter that School Committee received from Joshua Munro, Hull High School senior regarding the senior class trip to Disney World. She thanked Joshua for following the proper procedures in addressing this issue.

Hull High School senior Joshua Munro requested School Committee to reconsider their vote not allowing the senior class to attend Disney World Grad Night in April 2006. After discussion by School Committee members regarding this trip, Joshua Munro was invited to a special School Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 and requested to bring back more specifics and a detailed list of the trips activities. It was also requested that Attorney James Lampke, Town Counsel also be present at that meeting.

13.0 Executive Session

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 10:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and litigation and not to reconvene into Open Session.

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