

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Evans, Chair  
James Canavan, Vice Chair  
Catherine Bowes, Member

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 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School, 81 Central Avenue, with the Salute to the Flag.

Kristen Evans stated that Kevin Richardson was not present at the meeting due to a death in his family.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** James Canavan  
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

Alexandra Castro, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:

- Boys Basketball
- Hockey Team
- DECA
- Forensics
- Rowing Club at the Lifesaving Museum
- School Newspaper
- College Acceptances

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

None

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 High School Senior Class

Postponed until later in the meeting when Attorney Lampke arrived.

#### 7.2 On The Same Page Grant

Catherine Dubrovsky, High School Library Media Specialist, and members of the *On The Same page Grant Committee* invited School Committee members to the Town-wide book discussion kick-off from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. **Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do** by Michael Tougias and **The Story of the Century** by Christopher Haraden were presented to School Committee members.

#### 8.0 New Business Items

None

#### 9.0 Old Business

None

#### 10.0 School Committee Policy

None

#### 11.0 Approval of Warrants

Warrants were being circulated for signatures.

#### 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Denise Heavern, Community Member, spoke on behalf of her nephew. She stated that her nephew had received a failing grade in a biology course that he had taken as an elective at the high school and requested the School Committee to interpret policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility.

Kristen Evans explained that Jonathan Ford, High School Principal did exactly what the policy stated. Mr. Ford had received a list of students failing a core subject from Joseph Sullivan, High School Guidance Counselor. According to the program of studies, biology is considered a core subject.

School Committee members discussed the interpretation of the wording of this policy and stated that the intent of this policy was to raise student standards. A request for this policy be placed on the next meeting agenda and to include principals and guidance counselors be in attendance. Also, information on how many other students were affected in this same manner was requested.

#### 7.1 High School Senior Class Trip

James Lampke, Town Counsel discussed town liability issues regarding out of state school sponsored field trips. School sponsored trips have a greater level of discipline, must be subject to school regulations and must meet the School Committee policy criteria.

High School senior Joshua Munru responded regarding the safety of the Disney World event.

Hull High School Class Advisors Gregory Cunningham and Janet Scribner discussed the educational aspects of the trip to Disney World. Students will keep a journal of their

experiences and time will be built into their day for reflection. Students will report back at a future School Committee meeting on their trip.

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to Reconsider the School Committee vote on January 11, 2006 to approve the senior class trip to Disney World Grad Night in Orlando, Florida during April 27 – April 30, 2006.

**Vote:** 2-1-0 (Kristen Evans)

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve the senior class trip to Disney World Grad Night in Orlando, Florida during April 27 – 30, 2006.

**Vote:** 2-1-0 (Kristen Evans)

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to send a letter to Janet Bennett, Town Clerk a letter requesting a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy on the School Committee created by the resignation of Jack Wholey.

**Vote:** 3-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve the school warrants as presented.

**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation and not to reconvene into Open Session.

**Roll Call Vote:** Catherine Bowes, James Canavan, and Kristen Evans