

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Evans, Chair
James Canavan, Vice Chair
Kevin Richardson, Secretary
Catherine Bowes, Member
Stephanie Peters, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Delaney, Superintendent of Schools
William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

Public Hearing on the FY07 Budget:

1.0 Call to Order

The FY07 school budget public hearing was called to order by Kristen Evans at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School, 81 Central Avenue, with the Salute to the Flag.

Dr. Paula Delaney presented a PowerPoint presentation on the FY07 school budget. The following is a list of what she presented and discussed:

- Mission statement;
- Budget process;
- School Committee goals;
- Original FY07 budget request;
- Final FY07 proposed budget request;
- Budget history;
- Major components of the school budget;
- Expenses;
- Breakdown of expenses;
- Breakdown of salaries;
- Administrator salaries;
- Central office salaries;
- Break down of total budget;
- Where reductions came from;
- What the budget supports;
- Summary of budget
- Final message.

The following parents / community members spoke regarding areas of the budget:

- Beverly Whitcomb inquired about the .5 Foreign Language position and Jacobs School field trips.
- Catherine Crawford questioned why more budget items are being requested for the Friends of Lillian and other volunteer groups to pay.

- Ann Marie Dunn requested to have paraprofessionals stay in the classroom for a longer period of time to help teachers.
- Nancy Sullivan noted that the Friends of Lillian was established to help pay some of the costs of field trips at the Jacobs School but now it seem they are paying for more items.

Dr. Delaney responded that studies have shown that adding a foreign language in the elementary grades helps students in many areas in future grades.

School Committee requested that the Friends of Lillian, PTO, HASC, Boosters Club and any other volunteer organizations be invited to a future School Committee meeting to establish and discuss what each group does for the school system. It was also requested that the Friends of Lillian provide School Committee with the cost of school buses during the last two years.

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to present the FY07 school budget to the Advisory Board on Monday, March 20, 2006.

Vote: 5-0-0

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the School Committee agenda as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

None

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative

None

Kevin Richardson asked why there has not been an HTA representative attending School Committee meetings. Dr. Delaney responded that she would inquire about this and report back at a future meeting.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

None

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Update on the Search for Director of Instructional Services and Director of Business and Finance

Dr. Delaney updated the Committee as follows:

- Director of Instructional Services:
 - Forty-three (43) resumes were received;
 - Nine (9) candidates will be interviewed;
 - Interviews will be from March 14th through March 29th;
 - Screening Committee has nine (9) members.
- Director of Business and Finance
 - Sixteen (16) resumes were received
 - Screening Committee has eight (8) members;

- Screening Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 14;
- Interviews will be held the beginning of April.

There were approximately 100 readers at the Jacobs School during a very successful Literacy Week

8.0 New Business

School Committee suggested moving the March 27th meeting to Hull High School and to include a walk through of the high school during the meeting. James Griffin, Facilities Manager was requested to attend this meeting.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Approval of High School Program of Studies

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the Hull High School 2006 -2007 Program of Studies that was presented at the March 8, 2006 School Committee meeting.

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Chair read Policy IHAEA – Physical Education / Interscholastic Sports Contract. Maggie Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator, stated that this is a new policy and former policy IHAEA is now changed to policy IHAEB – Alternative Physical Education Program policy and Application Process.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Policy IHAEA – Physical Education / Interscholastic Sports Contract for first reading with the following change:

- Change the words *fail to* in the first sentence of the second paragraph to **do not**

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Policy IHAEB (also: IKFB) – Alternative Physical Education Program Policy and Application Process for third reading / adoption with the following change:

- Policy code is changed from IHAEA to IHAEB.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading:

- Policy IHBD – Compensatory Education (Chapter 1)
- Policy IHBE – Bilingual Instruction
- Policy IHBEA – English As A Second Language
- Policy IHBF – Homebound Instruction
- Policy IHBG-E – Application For Home Instruction (Also: LBC-E)
- Policy IHBG-R – Home Schooling Regulations
- Policy IHBH – Alternative School Programs
- Policy IHCD – Advanced College Placement
- Policy IJB – Class Size
- Policy IJJ – Textbook Selection and Adoption
- Policy IJK – Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption
- Policy IJL – Library Materials Selection and Adoption

- Policy IJLA – Withdrawal of Library Materials
- Policy IJNC – Library Resources
- Policy IJNDA – Video Usage In Classrooms
- Policy IJNDA-R – Guidelines For Off-Air Recording Of Broadcast Programming For Educational Purposes
- Policy IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use policy
- Policy IJNDR-E – User Agreement For Participation In An Electronic Communications System.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

- Policy IC – School Year / School Calendar
 - Delete the words 1997-1998 school year from the first line of #1 and #2.
- Policy ID – School Day
 - Remove the words *after negotiating with the Hull Teachers' Association* and replace with **meeting any bargaining obligations.**
- Policy IHBB – Challenge and Enrichment Programs
 - Add the words **if established** in the first line of the second paragraph between the words program and shall.
- Policy IHBG – Home Schooling
 - School Committee requested student information on this policy at a future meeting.
- Policy IHBI – Hull Public Schools/ Wellspring Adult Education Diploma
 - Change the word *should* in the third sentence to **may**
 - Change the word *should* in the fourth sentence to **will**
 - Change the word *would*, which appears twice in the last sentence, to the word **will**.
- Policy IHBI-E – Wellspring Adult Education High School Diploma Granting Report and Recommendations
 - Change the word *should* in the first sentence of each bullet under the heading Subcommittee Recommendations, to the word **may**
 - Change the word *would*, which appears twice in the eighth bullet under the heading Subcommittee Recommendations, to the word **shall**.

School Committee requested that Policy IHBI and Policy IHBI-E be shared with Vincent Harte, Wellspring Director, to make sure it is in place at Wellspring.

- Policy IHCA – Summer Schools
 - School Committee requested information on the summer school program at a future meeting.
- Policy IJ – Instructional Materials
 - Add #7 to include mathematics, literacy, science, history, etc. The Committee requested Maggie Ollerhead to come up with the wording for the bullet and bring it back for School Committee approval.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants
None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
None

12.0 Executive Session

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations and collective bargaining and not to return to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Catherine Bowes, James Canavan, Kristen Evans, Stephanie Peters, and Kevin Richardson