

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Kristen Evans at 7:05 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:** James Canavan  
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  
Casey Leaber, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:
  - School play – *Crazy for You*
  - Boys basketball
  - Spring sports sign-up
  - Guidance Counselors met with students
  - Daffodils being sold to support the American Cancer Society
  - Hull Rowing Team
  - Forensics Team
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative  
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** Kevin Richardson                      **Second:** James Canavan  
Moved to approve the Saturday, February 11, 2006 School Committee Budget Workshop minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Wednesday, February 15, 2006 School Committee minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve the Wednesday, February 15, 2006 School Committee Executive Session #1 minutes with the following change:

- Add Barbara Regan under non-committee members present.

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve the Wednesday, February 15, 2006 School Committee Executive Session #2 minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

**Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Saturday, February 18, 2006 School Committee Budget Workshop minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the Saturday, February 18, 2006 School Committee Executive Session minutes with the following change:

- Change the spelling of *James Quatinoni* to **James Quatromoni**

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve the Friday, March 3, 2006 School Committee HTA Paraprofessional Negotiations minutes with the following change:

- **Remove the words Executive Session**

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the Monday, March 13, 2006 School Committee HTA Paraprofessional Negotiations minutes with the following change:

- **Remove the words Executive Session**

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

Dr. Delaney thanked the PTO for the wonderful lunch that was enjoyed by all staff members on March 8th. There was also a very successful three-hour professional development workshop with the focus on John Collins Writing.

7.2 Update on Strategic Plan

The Superintendent updated the Committee on the progress of addressing action items in the Strategic Plan. She updated on the accomplishments in the areas of Communication, Curriculum and Instruction, Student Academic Support, Human Resources and Professional Development, Assessment and Evaluation, Financial and Asset Management.

The following was requested by School Committee:

- Insert a column for “status” on the Strategic Plan
- Update on the Cable Channel 22 Subcommittee
- Community newsletter regarding budget
- Inform parents about the John Collins Writing Program
- Update parents on the status of the Strategic Plan
- Update on the anti-bullying program

7.1 School Resource Officer

A presentation was presented by Chief Richard Billings, Hull Police Department, regarding the School Resource Officer. Some of the areas discussed were:

- Need for the position
- Grant funding for the position
- Collaborating between the police department and the school system
- Teaching law-related classes
- Working with the attendance officer
- Promoting a safe and orderly environment
- Training of students in conflict resolution, restorative justice and crime awareness

School Committee unanimously supported this position. Chair stated that a letter of support would be sent to the Town Manager. School Committee thanked Chief Billings.

Chief Billings also gave the following update on the canine search at Hull High School:

- Lockers in the hallway were searched;
- High School was in lockdown for about one hour;
- No drugs were found;
- No arrests were made.

7.3 High School Program of Studies

High School Principal Jonathan Ford presented the following changes to the 2006 – 2007 Program of Studies:

- Credit requirements;
- Graduation requirements;
- Promotion requirements;
- Weekly progress reports;
- Guidance services;
- EXPLORE testing;
- Expanded course of studies;
- MCAS Schedule
- Writing course;
- Journalism class;
- Graphic design / commercial art classes;
- Spanish 5 class;
- English Composition I & II with Quincy College;
- Mathematics Lab;
- Physical Science;
- Marine Science;
- Expanded English and technology classes;

- Advanced woodworking;
- Internship programs.

The following was discussed by School Committee members:

- Senior internship program;
- Student note taking class;
- Parent involvement with selecting student classes;
- Engineering technology classes;
- Honors English classes;

It was also requested from School Committee that the number of teachers that are teaching out of their discipline be presented to community members.

School Committee suggested:

- Contacting the Hull Times and Patriot Ledger regarding the journalism class for internships;
- Hosting a program of studies night including eight grade students.

#### 7.4 Budget Hearing

The FY07 school budget will be presented and discussed at an open public hearing on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Middle School. All community members are invited to attend this important meeting.

The following items were suggested by School Committee members:

- A Connect-ed call be placed to parents / staff regarding the budget hearing;
- Contacting the Chamber of Commerce to request a notice regarding the budget hearing is placed on the community board on the HRA land.

#### 8.0 New Business

School Committee requested a review of the school lunch program at a future meeting. Chartwell representatives were requested to attend this meeting.

#### 9.0 Catherine Bowes informed the Committee that the next School Building Committee is on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for third reading / adoption:

- IA – Instructional Goals
- IB - Academic Freedom
- IE – Organization of Instruction
- IGD – Curriculum Adoption
- IHA – Basic Instructional Program
- IHAE – Physical Education
- IHAM – Health Education
- IHAM-R – Health Education
- IHAMA – Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco

- IHAMA-R Parental Notification Relative To Sex Education
- IHAMA-E sample Notice To Parent/Guardians
- IHBA – Special Educational Programs and Accommodations For children With Special Needs
- IHBA-E – Hull Public Schools Special Education Process book

**Motion: 5-0-0**

Kevin Richardson asked the Superintendent how often the curriculum frameworks are updated

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

Moved to approve Policy IGA – Curriculum Development

**Vote:** 5-0-0

A hold was placed on Policy IHAEA – Alternative Physical Education Program Policy and Application Process and was requested to bring this policy back at a future meeting for discussion.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-1 (James Canavan)

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee

Chair read a letter from Raymond Joyal, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, regarding his intent to retire on June 30, 2006. School Committee thanked Mr. Joyal for his many contributions to the Hull Schools and wished him well in his retirement.

13.0 Executive Session

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. and not to return into Open Session.

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