

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 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
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Kristen Evans at 7:00 p.m. at Hull High School Library, 180 Main Street with, the Salute to the Flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
Chair stated that Beverly Whitcomb, Parent, would speak during input from public on the FLES Program at the Jacobs Elementary School. She also requested adding item 7.10 – Ratification of Paraprofessionals Contract.
Motion: Kristen Evans **Second:** Catherine Bowes
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda with requested changes
Vote: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
Beverly Whitcomb, Parent, voiced her concerns regarding the FLES (Spanish) program and the cuts in the Jacobs School budget for next year. Kristen Evans explained that this program was in last years budget but had to be cut. This year a group of parents wrote a grant to provide after school Foreign Language for interested students. Dr. Delaney clarified that support staff will be in place next year at the Jacobs School. She also noted eliminating a section in grade five would be preferable to the other grade levels because of class size guidelines.
- 4.0 Student Representative Report
Sarah Lavangie, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:
 - Winter sports;
 - Spring sports;
 - Girls and boys lacrosse teams;
 - Tenth grade MCAS test;
 - High School play, *Crazy For You*;
 - May 5th junior class talent show;

- School dance.

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the November 29, 2005 School Committee HTA Association Negotiations minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Saturday, February 4, 2006 School Committee Budget Workshop minutes with the following change:

- Add under Staff Members the heading Other Members Present and include the names Dennis Zaia, Charleen Tyson, and James O'Brien

Vote: 4-0-1 (Kevin Richardson)

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve Monday, February 6, 2006 School Committee Executive Session Minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Kevin Richardson)

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Wednesday, March 8, 2006 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve the March 8, 2006 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the March 9, 2006 Nurses Bargaining Negotiating minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve the March 13, 2006 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve the March 15, 2006 School Custodian Negotiations minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items - Superintendent

7.1 2007 Budget

Dr. Delaney stated she wanted to clear up any misunderstandings about cuts that were made from the FY07 budget. All three schools received cuts in their budget in order to arrive at the acceptable bottom line in the FY07 budget.

7.2 ITE Program

7.4 Tour of High School

School Committee members, Superintendent and members of the audience received a tour of the television production studio conducted by Peter Seitz, Program Director for Channel 22. The next area on the tour was the Industrial Technology Education area where Bryan Conklin, ITE teacher, explained what students are taught in the metal and wood shops and samples of student projects were displayed. The tour continued into the WAVE Publishing room where students learn journalism and publishing. The last part of the tour included the computer and business labs that are located on both the first and second floors of the high school. Some of the items taught in these courses are MS Word, MS Power Point and MS Access applications. During the entire tour James Griffin, Facilities Manager, pointed out the many areas that have not been completed and the workmanship that is not acceptable during construction at the high school.

7.3 ITE Field Trip

ITE teacher Bryan Conklin requested approval to bring twelve students to attend the Granite State 2006 Wood Turning Symposium on May 12, 2006 at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire. This field trip would introduce students to the art of woodturning and the skills used in the trade.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the ITE field trip to Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire on May 12, 2006.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.5 2007 School Calendar

Two versions of the 2006 -2007 school calendar were presented by Dr. Delaney. Option one would begin the school year on August 31st and the second option would begin the school years on September 8th. Dr. Delaney recommended using the option two calendar. Labor Day is early in September this year and the school year would end the middle of June. Catherine Bowes suggested starting the year earlier, getting more accomplished for students.

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to accept and approve the 2006 - 2007 school year calendar with a first day of school on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Catherine Bowes)

7.6 Summer School Information

Information on summer school was presented to School Committee. Dr. Delaney explained that the summer school program is self-supporting, scholarships are

provided to students and students on IEP's attend at no cost with a referral from teachers.

7.7 Home Schooling Information.

Dr. Delaney stated that at present twelve students are being home schooled. Parents submit a letter to the Superintendent indicating they will be home schooling their child. A meeting is scheduled for the parent(s) to meet with the Superintendent and work samples are required to be submitted.

7.8 Update on Administrative Searches

The last interview for the Director of Instructional Services is scheduled for March 29th. After the final interview, one to two candidates will be asked to return for a final interview.

Seven candidates will be interviewed for the Director of Business and Finance position. Interviews will be held during the first week in April.

Dr. Delaney will meet with teachers on April 5th and parents on April 11th to discuss a profile for the new Jacobs School Principal. A Screening Committee will be set-up and the same process will be followed as the two Director positions.

7.9 Ratification of Nurses Contract

The Hull School Nurses contract that was approved on November 22, 2005 was reopened and has been extended through June 2008.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to ratify the Massachusetts Laborers' District council International Union of N.A., AFL-CIO, Hull School Nurses Local 1162 contract for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.10 Ratification of Paraprofessionals Contract

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to ratify the Hull Teachers Association Covering Paraprofessional Employees contract for the period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 New Business

School Committee requested a report on teacher's qualifications at a future meeting.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Channel 22 Subcommittee

Kristen Evans stated that Judi Saide, MIS Director, has done extensive work placing various workshops, concerts, and sporting events Channel 22. Stephanie Peters volunteered to replace Jack Wholey on this Committee.

9.2 Athletic Subcommittee

Kevin Richardson said he would be contacting Joseph Sullivan, Athletic Director next week. He requested that a notice be placed on Channel 22 asking for volunteers to be on the Athletic Subcommittee.

Catherine Bowes reported that the schedule for completion for Hull High School is the end of the summer. The bonding company, CIA Construction received a 92% grading from the state.

10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

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

Policy IC – School Year / School Calendar

Policy ID – School Day

Policy IHAEA – Physical Education / Interscholastic Sports Contract

Policy IHBB – Challenge and Enrichment Programs

Policy IHBD – Compensatory Education

- Change the words *Chapter I* to **Title I** in the heading and at the beginning of the first sentence.

Policy IHBE – Bilingual Instruction

Policy IHBEA – English As A Second Language

Policy IHBF – Homebound Instruction

Policy IHBG – Home Schooling

Policy IHBG-E Application For Home Instruction (Also: LBC-E)

Policy IHBG-R Home Schooling Regulations

Policy IHBH – Alternative School Programs

Policy IHBI – Hull Public Schools Wellspring Adult Educations Diploma

Policy IHBI-E – Wellspring Adult Education High school Diploma Granting Report and Recommendations

Policy IHCA – Summer School

Policy IHCD – Advanced College Placement

Policy IIB – Class Size

Policy IJ – Instructional Materials

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-R – Guidelines For Off-Air Recording Of Broadcast Programming For Educational Purposes

Policy IJNDB – Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Policy IJNDB-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 second reading:

Policy - IHBB – Challenge and Enrichment Programs

No change

Policy IJNDA – Video Usage In Classrooms

- James Canavan requested a list of all the “R” rated movies that have been shown in the high school.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: James Canavan

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Kristen Evans commented on how fabulous the high school play, *Crazy for You* was and what a wonderful performance by Joseph Doniger.

13.0 Executive Session

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and not to return to Open Session.

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