

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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 James Canavan at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School Ground Level Exhibition Room, 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  
Cathy Crawford, Parent, inquired about the date when the Jacobs School Principal will be hired. Dr. Delaney explained the hiring process and stated that the appointment will be made well in advance of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4.0 Student Representative Report  
Casey Leeber, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:
  - Spring sports
  - Boys and girls lacrosse
  - April is school labor month
  - Ninth grade science fair
  - *Aladdin Jr.* play - 5/12/06 & 5/13/06
  - National college fair – 4/11/06 and 4/12/06
  - Junior class talent show – 5/14/06
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report  
None  
Kevin Richardson inquired about an HTA Representative being present at School

Committee meetings. Dr. Delaney responded that she had spoke to Patricia DiGiusto, HTA President, and was told that there is not much interest this year.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the March 27, 2006 School Committee minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Middle School Principalship

Dr. Delaney explained that a profile was put together last year after meeting with teachers and parents for the Memorial School Principal vacancy. Some of the areas in that profile included a good instructional leader, someone who is approachable, a good listener, requires excellence for all and has knowledge of special education. She stated that Andrew Stephens had applied for this position and he fit these characteristics. She recommended Andrew Stephens for the Memorial School Principal position effective July 1, 2006.

James Canavan asked if the position was posted and if a Screening Committee had been in place. Dr. Delaney responded that this position was posted internally and there were no other applications. Mr. Canavan stated he understood that the hiring of a principal is the Superintendents decision, he had no problem with her decision, that the candidate was qualified, but he encouraged the Superintendent to follow the process the SC had put forth as it relates to recruiting in Policy GCF-Professional Staff Hiring. Mr. Canavan congratulated Mr. Stephens on behalf of the School Committee.

7.2 Recycling Program

William Hurst, Chief Business and Financial Officer, stated that at a reception held by Abitibi Recycling Company, the Central Office of the Hull Public Schools was honored for collecting more recycled paper then any other school system on the South Shore. The amount of paper collected from the central office equaled thirty-six stories in height. Mr. Hurst presented Nancy Kramer, Judeth Van Hamm, and Amelia Leary with a copy of the award from Abitibi Recycling Company and thanked them for their hard work in getting this recycling program started.

7.3 Summer Projects

Dr. Delaney stated that teachers have been invited to submit a proposal for professional development during this summer. Proposed projects can be done by one person or in a small group and must address an area where there is an identified need.

7.4 Academy Eligibility

A request to place this policy on hold until the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting when all members would be present during discussion was requested by Jim Canavan. He also requested a point of clarification from the high school principal and athletic director on this policy. Jon Ford, High School Principal recommended that the policy state either one “F” or no “F” and that this would apply to all subject areas.

**Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to table Policy JJJ – Academic Eligibility Policy until the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting so all members can participate in discussion of this policy.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 7.4 Update on Administrative Searches

The following update was presented by Dr. Delaney:

- Assistant Principal for Hull High School will be posted and advertised.
- The Screening Committee for the Director of Business and Finance has finished interviewing candidates. Further discussion will take place on this position.
- Robin Coyne, a finalist for the Director of Instructional Services met with teachers, parents, School Committee and community members on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Jacobs School Principal posting has received thirty-six resumes, and interviewing will take place at the end of April.

#### 8.0 New Business

Stephanie Peters informed the public that the PTO meeting has been changed to Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. She also inquired about the time-line that teachers have to respond to emails. Dr. Delaney stated that there are no formal procedures and if an issue arises the principal of that school should be contacted.

Kevin Richardson requested the number of students not attending Hull Schools. He suggested that a questionnaire be sent to parents of those students requesting reasons and feedback as to why these students are attending other schools. Dr. Delaney said that a new survey instrument is in place and she will send out a survey as requested. She also updated the Committee on the kindergarten enrollment for next year. It is currently seventy-eight students compared from fifty-five at this time last year.

#### 9.0 Old Business

##### R-Rated Movies

High School Principal Jonathan Ford informed the Committee that to his knowledge there have been no R-rated movies shown at the high school this school year. Mr. Ford also stated that a book was used this year with some explicit language and parents were notified. If a parent did not want his/her child to read the book an alternate book would be given to the student to read.

Catherine Bowes presented the following update on the last School Building Committee meeting:

- Bids were opened for the Jacobs School General Contractor. The Building Committee has thirty days to approve the lowest bid, which was submitted by TLT, Inc.
- The Contract for PMA, the Jacobs School Project Manager will be signed at the meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Due to some rain and wind on April 5 and April 6 there was some damage to the high school roof and also some floor damage. These items were added to the high school punch list.
- Plans were submitted to the Building Committee for the high school courtyard.

Dr. Delaney informed the Committee that Jonathan Ford would be meeting with the Courtyard Committee members to look over the courtyard plans.

James Canavan requested setting up a Budget Subcommittee to discuss the FY06 budget. He asked other members for dates and times of availability.

#### 10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

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

Policy IHAEA	Physical Education /Interscholastic Sports Contract
Policy IHBB	Challenge and Enrichment Programs
Policy IHBD	Compensatory Education (Title I)
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 IHCS	Summer School
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	Video Usage In Classrooms
Policy IJNDB	Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Policy IJNDB-E User Agreement For Participation In An Electronic  
Communications System

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to approve Policy IC – School Year/School Calendar for third reading/  
adoption with the following change:

- Change the word *agent* to the word **consultation** in the first sentence.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve policy ID – School Day with the following change:

- Change the word *agent* to the word **consultation** in the first sentence.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to accept policy IHCD – Advanced College Placement for third reading /  
adoption with the following change:

- After the first sentence in paragraph, add the sentence...**Students not in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade may enroll with the approval of the school principal after consultation with his/her guidance counselor.**

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Policy IJNDA-R guidelines For Off-Air recording of Broadcast  
Programming For Educational Purposes for third reading / adoption with the  
following change:

- In bullet #2 italicize the third sentence that starts with “Broadcast programs”.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

James Canavan inquired when Chartwells is scheduled to come to a School  
Committee meeting. Dr. Delaney responded that they would be present at the  
next meeting.

Mr. Canavan requested school building usage including costs to operate the  
buildings, and who is responsible for the costs after 9:00 p.m. are placed on the  
April 24<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the school warrants as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

12.0 Stephanie Peters stated she had received a Boston Globe article regarding Bird  
Flu and asked if a plan was in place regarding this issue. Dr. Delaney responded

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that she would be attending a workshop on this issue, would be putting a plan in place and would place this item on the next school committee agenda.

James Canavan requested that teacher certification information be placed on the next School Committee agenda.

13.0 Executive Session (if necessary)  
None

14.0 Adjournment  
**Motion:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters  
Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0