

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Evans, Chair
James Canavan, Vice Chair arrived at 7:08 p.m.
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 7:04 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
Chair requested adding item 7.6 – Budget Transfers and deleting item 8.1 Superintendents Evaluation.
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda with requested changes.
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative Report
Kayla Dennett, Student Representative, reported on the following areas:
 - Spring sports
 - JV lacrosse
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - Track
 - College acceptances
 - Progress reports
 - MCAS
 - Last day for seniors – 5/26/06
 - Students against drunk driving

- Italy trip
- Disney trip
- Broadway trip

Ms. Dennett also noted that high school senior Jacob Augenstern has been accepted to attend Harvard University and he is also the class Valedictorian.

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

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

Moved to approve the April 24, 2006 School Committee minutes with the following change:

- Change *Evens* to **Evans** under School Committees Members

Vote: 5-0-0

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

Moved to approve the April 26, 2006 Budget Workshop minutes as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 High School Theatre Arts Program

Dr. Delaney announced that Joseph Doniger has agreed on a part-time basis to come back to the high school next year as the High School Theatre Director.

7.2 Forensics Trip

Gregory Cunningham, High School Forensics Coach requested permission to attend the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National tournament being held in Chicago, IL from May 26 through May 29, 2006. Hull High School senior Joseph Lepore has qualified for this tournament and will be presenting.

Motion: Kristen Evans **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve Gregory Cunningham and Joseph Lepore to attend the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament in Chicago, IL from May 26 through May 29, 2006.

Vote: 5-0-0

Kristen Evans suggested placing the Forensics student presentation on the School Cable 22 station.

School Committee Members and the Superintendent congratulated Gregory Cunningham for being chosen as part of the Fulbright-Hays Scholarship that Stonehill College had received. Fourteen professors and teachers will be traveling to China from June 27 through July 26 under this scholarship.

7.3 Italy Trip

Jennifer DiSabatino, High School Spanish Teacher, updated the Committee on the trip to Italy. Ms. DiSabatino discussed the wonderful experience the eight students enjoyed while traveling to the following locations in Italy:

- Florence
- Venice
- Rome
- Naples
- Capri
- Pompay

Ms. DiSabatino also discussed the history of Italy and the beautiful churches in Italy.

7.4 Strengthening Families Program

Marguerite Rizzi, Director of Student Services, and Rebecca MacDonald, Systemwide Attendance Officer, discussed the Strengthening Families Program that is designed to help parents and students get ready for the teenage years. During the program students learn how to develop goals and dreams, appreciate parents, handle peer pressure and follow house rules. Parents focus on how to use love and limits to support their child's goals, encourage good behavior, and protect against substance abuse. The program is scheduled every Thursday for seven weeks targeting 5th and 6th grade students. Additional programs have been planned for the fall of 2006.

7.5 School Choice

Dr. Delaney explained that each year School Committees must vote on whether their district should be in the school choice program during the upcoming school year. She recommended that Hull School District remain a non-school choice district.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

Moved to remain a non-school choice district.

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Delaney informed the Committee that because of the high school roof issues, graduation will be held at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset. Kevin Richardson stated that this is not appropriate and he would bring this issue up at the next School Building Committee meeting.

7.6 Budget Transfers

James Canavan updated the Committee in the areas that transfers were needed to make the budget real and fluid.

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve budget transfers in the following areas:

- Personal services
- Purchase of service
- Supplies
- Other charges and expense

Vote: 5-0-0

Chair thanked James Canavan and Kevin Richardson for all the work they have done on the Budget Subcommittee. James Canavan also thanked Catherine Bowes for her presence at these meetings.

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Teacher Licensure, and Highly Qualified

Dr. Delaney presented information that was requested at the last meeting on teacher's licensure and highly qualified teachers:

- Jacobs School:
 - All fifty-three teachers are teaching in his/her license
 - All but three teachers are highly qualified
 - Three teachers are on waivers for certification
- Memorial Middle School:
 - Eighteen teachers are teaching in his/her license
 - Sixteen teachers are highly qualified
 - One teacher is on a waiver for certification
 - One teacher is certified but not highly qualified
- Hull High School:
 - Thirty-nine teachers are teaching in his/her license
 - Thirty-seven teachers are highly qualified
 - Two teachers are on waivers for certification.

Dr. Delaney informed the Committee that one grade ten and one grade twelve student has dropped out of Hull High School and fourteen students have transferred out of the district during this school year. Kevin Richardson inquired about the number of students that have entered the district during this school year. Dr. Delaney responded that she would report back to the Committee at the next meeting. Mr. Richardson also requested that Rebecca MacDonald, Attendance Officer, contact the two students that have dropped-out.

10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Stephanie Peters

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

Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Vote: 5-0-0

School Committee requested that all students be aware of the change in this policy. Also was requested that the high school principal inform parents of the change in this policy by sending home a letter and making a Connect-ed call to parents.

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

Moved to approve for first reading the following policies:

Policy KF-R1 - Community Use Of School Facilities

Policy KF-E – Application For Use Of The Hull Public School Buildings

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Stephanie Peters

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

Policy KF – Community Use Of School Facilities

- Add **and facilities manager** in the fifty paragraph, last sentence, before *in timely manner*.

Policy KF-R2 – Facility Use Fee Structure

Stephanie Peters requested that this policy be reviewed annually.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy IJOB – Community Resource Persons/Speakers

Policy IJOC – School Volunteers

Policy IJP – Expendable Supplies

Policy IK – Academic Achievement

Policy IKAB – Student Progress Reports To Parents

Policy IKC – Class Rank

Policy IKE – Promotion And Retention Of Students

Policy IL – Evaluation Of Instructional Programs

Policy ILB – Testing

Policy ILBA – School System Program Assessments

Policy IMA - Teaching Activities/Presentations

Policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial Issues/Controversial Speakers

Policy IMD - School Ceremonies and Observances

Policy IMDA – Pledge Of Allegiance

Policy IMDB – Flag Displays

Policy IMDC – Religious Holidays

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: James Canavan

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

Policy IJQ – Reconsideration Of Instructional Resources

- The Committee requested that something be added to the policy explaining the Review Committee in the fourth paragraph.

Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

- The Committee suggested adding foreign language and community service as a requirement of graduation. The Superintendent stated she would look into this and report back to the Committee.

Vote: 5-0-0

Policy IMAA – Plan Books and Planning

The Committee discussed this policy and recommended that it be put on hold, reworded and brought back at a future meeting.

Dr. Delaney updated the Committee on the Administrative Searches as follows:

- Four candidates will be interviewed for the Director of Business and Finance position on May 18th and May 22nd
- Two candidates for the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment, and Professional Development will be interviewed on May 17th.
- Interviews for the Jacobs School have been completed and Dr. Delaney will be meeting with the Screening Committee on May 9th.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

James Canavan asked about a payment to Irrigation Repair Company on warrant #1362. William Hurst responded that the payment was regarding repairs to sprinkler heads at Hull High School. Mr. Canavan requested an update at the next meeting on this issue.

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Kristen Evans asked about “step-up” day for students. Dr. Delaney responded that she would be meeting with administrators on May 11th and would report back to School Committee at the next meeting.

Three letters from Jacobs School Staff supporting Peter Dionne for the new Jacobs School Principalship were read by Kristen Evans. She stated that a process is in place regarding the hiring of the Jacobs School Principal.

Chair stated that Committee members had received an email from a parent regarding communications for students delayed while returning from a field trip to the Peabody Museum. An accident on the expressway and the Fore River Bridge was up made the bus late in returning to Hull. School Committee made recommendations for future student delayed incidents. Dr. Delaney stated that she had spoken to Robert Belyea, owner of North River Bus Company. Mr. Belyea assured her that this would not happen again and he would follow-up with his bus drivers. Dr. Delaney stated that she would put a protocol in place for the future.

Catherine Bowes commended the staff that was involved in the New York City Broadway trip. She was very impressed with a very well supervised weekend.

Memorial School students Megan Walsh and Ricky Tower were winners in the Buttonwood Books and Toys Poetry contest. Stephanie Peters commended Mary Dunphy, Memorial School Library Media Specialist for a great job.

13.0 Executive Session

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and litigation and not to return to Open Session.

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