

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Delaney, Superintendent of Schools
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Paula Delaney at 7:09 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School Ground Level Exhibition Room, 81 Central Avenue with the Salute to the Flag. A moment of silence was requested for Donaldina Gately, Art Teacher at the Jacobs School who passed away on May 16, 2006.

Dr. Delaney requested nominations for School Committee Chair.

Motion: James Canavan **Second:** Kevin Richardson
Moved to re-nominate Kristen Evans as School Committee Chair
Vote: 5-0-0

Kristen Evans requested nominations for School Committee Vice Chair

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** James Canavan
Moved to nominate Kevin Richardson as School Committee Vice Chair
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: James Canavan **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Moved to nominate Catherine Bowes as School Committee Secretary
Vote: 5-0-0

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson
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's Report
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Project Leap

Dr. Delaney stated how fortunate we are to receive the Project Leap grant together with the Whitman Hanson School District. She introduced Judi Saide, MIS Director, George Whelan, Assistant MIS Director, Kathleen Sullivan, and Michael Bernier, both Memorial School Math Teachers.

Judi Saide, MIS Director presented the following information regarding the Project Leap grant:

- Only seven districts were awarded this grant;
- Provide professional development training for middle school math teachers
- Improve instruction and achievement for all grade six –grade math students
- Effective use of laptop computing to enhance teaching and learning
- Infuse the current math standards-based curriculum resources with technology
- Helps students learn how math is used in the real world
- Students use laptop computers in classrooms

7.2 End of Year Activates

The following “move up” day schedule was presented:

- Grades nine through grade twelve students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. on June 9th
- Eighth grade students will arrive at the high school at 11:00 a.m. for lunch and to meet with high school staff for orientation
- Sixth grade students will have lunch and spend time with the seventh grade teachers
- Seventh grade students will have lunch and will meet with the eighth grade team
- Jacobs School fifth grade students will have lunch at the Memorial School, tour the building and meet with sixth grade teachers
- Kindergarten through grade four students at the Jacobs School will move up to the next grade level classrooms to spend time with teachers.

7.3 Update on Administrative Searches

The following update was presented by Dr. Delaney on the Administrative searches:

- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development
 - Sixty applications have been received
 - Eleven candidates have been interviewed
 - Two additional candidates are scheduled to be interviews
- Director of Business and Finance
 - Twenty-eight applications have been received
 - Eleven candidates have been interviewed
 - Screening Committee will be meeting on May 25 to discuss candidates

- Jacobs School Principal
 - Forty-three applications have been received
 - Four candidates have been interviewed
 - Decision will be made by the end of this week
- Hull High School Assistant Principal
 - Eighteen applications have been received
 - Three candidates were interviewed

Dr. Delaney announced that Alynn Coppock would be appointed as the new Assistant Principal at Hull High School. She read Ms. Coppock's letter of application.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Superintendent Evaluation

Kristen Evans read the areas of Dr. Delaney's evaluation and said that 3.5 was the overall average in the evaluation. School Committee members stated they were pleased with the Dr. Delaney's performance and look forward to working with her in the future. It was suggested that the Chair and Dr. Delaney come up with a better evaluation tool for next year. Dr. Delaney stated that she also looks forward to working with the School Committee and that the district is moving in the right direction.

9.0 Old Business

James Canavan requested the following:

- An update at a future meeting on how the Chartwell communications with parents is going.
- Scheduling a School Committee workshop to discuss communication to the public about the upcoming special town meeting.
- Chair to work with other Town Boards to put together a subcommittee regarding the Jacobs School project.

Mr. Canavan stated that an update had been received regarding the sprinklers at the high school but that no clear answer was given on how the sprinklers were damaged. He requested that the Facilitator Manager be informed to monitor this area and that safeguards be put in place so we do not have additional problems.

A School Committee workshop was scheduled for Saturday, May 27th at 7:30 a.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

Catherine Bowes requested a copy of the Mt. Vernon Report be given to School Committee members.

Kevin Richardson informed the Committee that an Athletic Subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for June 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

10.0 School Committee Policies

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Policy IMAA – Plan Books and Planning for second reading.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: James Canavan

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

- Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities
- Policy KF-R1 – Community Use of School Facilities
- Policy KF-R2 – Facility Use Fee Structure
 - Add to the bottom of policy: **These rates will be in effect on July 1, 2006.**
- Policy KF-E – Application for Use of the Hull Public School Buildings
 - Add fee structure to the application form or give policy KF-R2 to anyone filling out a Building Use Form.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

- Policy IJOB – Community Resource Persons / Speakers
- Policy IJOC – School Volunteers
- Policy IJP – Expendable Supplies
- Policy IJQ – Reconsideration of Instructional Resources
- Policy IK – Academic Achievement
- Policy IKAB – Student Progress Reports to Parents
- Policy IKC – Class Rank
- 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: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

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

- Policy IKE – Promotion and retention of Students

James Canavan asked about the retention rate at the Memorial School and High School. Andrew Stephens, High School Assistant Principal explained how high school students must earn a certain number of credits each year to be able to move to the next grade. He also discussed individual student plans to help students improve in areas of need. Mr. Canavan requested an update over the summer on some of the statistics / benchmarks of where we are today in regards to retention and comparing them to the things that are being implemented in the district.

- Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

James Canavan requested information at a future meeting on graduation requirements regarding foreign language from surrounding school districts.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

A question on warrant #1382 and #1383 regarding SAT reimbursement was asked by James Canavan. Also warrant #1385 regarding renting the Music Circus for the graduation ceremony. A request that a warrant be presented to the School Building Committee for reimbursement of the

Cost of renting the Music Circus to hold graduation due to the problem with the high school roof.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee

Cathy Bowes asked about Channel 22 not keeping the college acceptances up to date. Judi Saide explained that there was a mix up with the information and accurate information would be posted on Channel 22.

Jim Canavan asked about the percentage of students attending a four-year college. Judi Saide responded that a report would be given to School Committee after the final SIMS report is submitted to DOE at the end of the school year.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations, 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

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