

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2006

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen Evans, Chair  
Kevin Richardson, Vice Chair  
Catherine Bowes, Secretary  
James Canavan, Member arrived at 7:20 p.m.  
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 Evan 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 to delete item 8.2 – Superintendent’s Contract from the agenda and reschedule this item for the June 19, 2006 agenda.  
**Motion:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters  
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda with requested change.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0
- 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:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters  
Moved to approve the April 24, 2006 Executive Session School Committee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0
- Motion:** Kevin Richardson                      **Second:** Catherine Bowes  
Moved to approve the May 8, 2006 Executive Session School Committee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters  
Moved to approve the May 23, 2006 School Committee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Jacobs School Construction Project

The following information was presented by Dr. Delaney regarding the Jacobs School construction project:

- Town voted for a \$37 million debt exclusion in March 2000 to renovate three existing school buildings
- Town voted an additional \$20 million debt exclusion in May 2002 for the high school, due to an increase in cost estimates
- Project total appropriation now equals \$57 million
- Cost of Memorial School – approximately \$12 million
- Cost of Hull High School – approximately \$19 million
- Bond appropriation remaining balance is \$25 million
- Bid for Jacobs School in April 2006 is \$27,858,128
- Cost of the project exceeds the original amount approved by \$2.8 million dollars
- Original estimates for the Jacobs School were based on the planned start date of March 2004
- Construction costs have dramatically increased
- Change in plan would require redesign and rebidding, eventually costing more than the \$2.8 million shortage
- Project done in one phase would require the Jacobs School to be empty.
- No space in the other two schools or town building to house students during construction
- Placing the project on hold would mean a higher bid in the future
- Request town meeting members to approve \$2.8 million to cover construction costs

Town Manager Christopher McCabe stated that at the Special Town Meeting voters would be requested to authorize the Town to borrow \$2.8 million for appropriation, which would give the town the \$28 million to renovate the Jacobs School.

7.2 Update on Lacrosse Program

Hull Youth Lacrosse President Michael Blanchard presented the following report regarding the first year of the lacrosse program:

- Program stayed with the projected budget
- Thanked Joseph Sullivan, Athletic Director for all his help with the program
- Thanked Dr. Delaney and School Committee members for the opportunity to bring lacrosse to the high school
- Fundraising for next year has already begun
- Observations from other coaches
  - “your girls really care about each other and work together”
  - “wished that he had five of Hull students on his Varsity team because they work so hard”
- Students played up to the potential standards
- Number of students in Hull Youth lacrosse program:
  - 25 boys in grades 3 / 4
  - 22 boys in grades 5 / 6
  - 25 boys in grades 7 / 8

- 15 girls in grades 3 / 4
- 17 girls in grades 5 / 6
- 15 girls in grades 7 / 8

School Committee commended Mr. Blanchard for a great success story.

#### 7.3 Central Office Business and finance Reorganization

After much interviewing and discussing, the Screening Committee decided to reorganize the Director of Business and Finance position into two positions. The new positions would be Director of Finance and Director of Operations. Dr. Delaney recommended Maria Hortaridis for the Director of Finance position and David Twombly for the Director of Operations positions. Ms. Hortaridis is currently the Assistant Business Manager. Mr. Twombly has previous experience in building operations.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve and appoint Maria Hortaridis as Director of Finance and David Twombly as Director of Operations effective July 3, 2006.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 7.4 School Lunch Prices

A sample letter with the increase in school breakfast and lunch prices was presented by the Superintendent. She noted that this letter would be sent home to all parents / guardians before the end of school. School Committee recommended that the letter include the number of years it has been since the last increase in lunch prices.

#### 7.5 School Committee Retreat

Dr. Delaney suggested Joanne Rys from NESDEC to conduct the upcoming School Committee / Superintendent retreat. The superintendent evaluation instrument would be one of the items discussed at the retreat. After discussion by School Committee, July 21 or July 28 were proposed dates for a retreat. Dr. Delaney stated she would contact School Committee members after she spoke to Ms. Rys about which date would work for her.

#### 7.6 Other

The Department of Education responded to a fundraising complaint, Dr. Delaney stated. The complaint was screened out and the decision was that the complaint was not warranted.

### 8.0 New Business

#### 8.1 Jacobs School Art Suite Dedication

Chair read a letter from Raymond Joyal, on behalf of the entire staff and student body at the L. M. Jacobs School requesting that the Hull School Committee consider naming the present Art room and the future Art suite in memory of Donaldina Gately. Ms. Evans referred to policy FFA – Special Dedications of School Areas and requested that an Ad Hoc Committee be set up to review this request.

A notice should be placed on Channel 22 and in the Hull Times requesting staff and community members to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee was requested by School Committee.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** James Canavan

Moved to appoint Catherine Bowes, Stephanie Peters, and Paula Delaney as School Committee representatives on the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Kevin Richardson stated that he was not against the naming of the Art Suite, but that he thinks it is inappropriate for kindergarten students to sign his/her name to the petition regarding this issue. HTA President Deborah McCarthy stated that a fifth grade student asked kindergarten students to sign his/her name.

A request from James Canavan to have the following items placed on an agenda during the summer:

- The number of students that did not pass this school year
- Hull Boosters Club to present an update on their organization
- Update on the past year field trips for each school to include:
  - what the field trip was
  - the date of the field trip
  - where the students went on each field trip.

Free day care will be provided by thirteen National Honor Society students at the June 22 Special Town Meeting, Kristen Evans stated.

9.0 Old Business Items  
None

## 10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes   **Second:** Kevin Richardson  
Moved to approve Policy IMAA – Plan Books and Planning for third reading / adoption.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** James Canavan                                      **Second:** Kevin Richardson  
Moved to approve the following policies for third reading / adoption:  
Policy KF – Community Use Of School Facilities  
Policy KF-R1 - Community Use of School Facilities  
Policy KF-E – Application For Use Of The Hull Public School Buildings  
Kristen Evans requested that the application would be attached to the facility use fee structure.  
Vote: 5-0-0

**Motion:** James Canavan                      **Second:** Catherine Bowes  
Moved to approve policy KF-R2 – Facility Use Fee Structure for third reading / adoption.  
Stephanie Peters requested that School Committee members look at the fee structure next June.  
Vote: 5-0-0

## 11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes                                 **Second:** Stephanie Peters  
Moved to approve school warrants as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-1 (James Canavan)

## 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Chair asked School Committee members if they would be attending Hull High School graduation on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the South Shore Music Circus. All Committee members said they would be attending graduation.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** none

Moved to go into Executive Session at 7.59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with non-union personnel.

**Amended Motion:** James Canavan

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with non-union personnel and union personnel.

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