

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 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 Kristen Evans 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: James Canavan **Second:** Catherine Bowes
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 Monday, June 5, 2006 School Committee minutes with the following changes:
 - Page 4 Item 10.0 – change James Richardson to James Canavan
 - Page 4 Item 12.0 – change South Shore Country Club to South Shore Music Circus.**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent
 - 7.1 Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Delaney introduced Ms. Mildred O'Callaghan as the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment. Ms. O'Callaghan comes to Hull from the Duxbury School System with a broad range of experience.

7.2 “Foot in the Door

Dr. Marguerite Rizzi, Director of Student Services, explained that “Foot in the Door” is a program facilitated by the Hull High School guidance team that gives students an opportunity to earn high school credit by working at a real world business/occupation during the Spring semester. She introduced Brian Belmarsh, a high school student who has been working with a landscape contractor under this program. Mr. Belmarsh discussed his experience with the program and stated he is planning to major in landscaping next year when attending college.

7.3 Proposal for New Special Education Program

A new classroom program that would serve the needs of students in Hull Schools was proposed for next year by Dr. Marguerite Rizzi. She explained that presently there are three students at the Jacobs School whose needs cannot be met next year and three out of district students who could possibly be brought back to the Hull Schools. Students in this program could participate in the mainstream curriculum and activities available at the elementary school, while receiving the intensive specialized instruction that they need in specific areas such as reading, writing and math. Staff that would be needed for this program was also discussed.

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to support the new elementary classroom program and staff needed for the program as proposed by Dr. Marguerite Rizzi.

Vote: 5-0-0

School Committee requested Dr. Rizzi come back at a future meeting with an update on this program.

7.4 Update on New Hires

The following update on new hires was presented by Dr. Delaney:

- Ms. Lynda Feeney has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal at the Memorial Middle School.
- Mr. Raymond Joyal has agreed to stay as the Interim Principal at the L.M. Jacobs School until January 2007. This position will be re-advertised in the fall.
- All but seven of the twenty-four open positions have been filled for September.

7.5 School Committee Meeting Dates

A change from December 18th to December 11, 2006 was suggested by School Committee on the recommended meeting dates for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the following School Committee meeting dates for the 2006 – 2007 school year:

Monday, July 17, 2006
Monday, August 28, 2006
Monday, September 11, 2006
Monday, September 25, 2006
Tuesday, October 10, 2006
Monday, October 23, 2006
Monday, November 13, 2006
Monday, November 27, 2006

Monday, December 11, 2006
Monday, January 8, 2007
Monday, January 22, 2007
Monday, February 12, 2007
Monday, February 26, 2007
Monday, March 12, 2007
Monday, March 26, 2007
Wednesday, April 11, 2007
Monday, April 23, 2007
Monday, May 14, 2007
Tuesday, May 29, 2007
Monday, June 11, 2007
Monday, June 25, 2007

Vote: 5-0-0

7.6 School Committee / Superintendent Retreat

Joanne Rys from NEASC will be facilitating the School Committee / Superintendent retreat scheduled for Friday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

7.7 Graduation Requirements

Dr. Delaney informed the School Committee that surrounding communities require two or three years of a foreign language as a graduation requirement.

School Committee requested the following information:

- What percentage of Hull High School students has taken a foreign language?
- What is the number of years that high school students have taken a foreign language?
- What foreign languages are offered at Hull High School?
- What foreign languages are offered in surrounding communities?
- Explore sign language as a foreign language.

7.8 Approval of Bids

A hold was placed on the HVAC and HVAC Control bids by School Committee because only one bid had been received. Information was requested on the cost to rebid these items. Also, James Griffin, Facilities Manager was requested to attend the July 17th meeting.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept and award the electrical contract to Sarno Electric and the plumbing contract to R-Chee Plumbing as lowest bidders for the fiscal years 2007 through 2009.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.9 Other Items

Seventy-eight percent of the 2006 senior class has gone on to higher education Dr. Delaney informed the Committee. Also, every incoming senior for next year has passed the MCAS test.

School Committee requested information on how graduation speakers are selected. They also requested Dr. Delaney to contact the South Shore Music Circus regarding the high school graduation being held there every year.

8.0 New Business Items

8.1 Superintendent's Contract

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to extend Dr. Paula Delaney's contract for two years ending June 2009.

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business

School Committee requested the following information be presented at a future School Committee meeting:

- Invite the Boosters Club, HASC, and PTO to present a financial report.
- An update on field trips to include what, when, and where for each school during the last school year.
- What is the communication plan to students / parents regarding graduation requirements and extra curriculum?

10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

A hold was placed on warrant #1417 – item #7 The Town of Hull – Sewer Department. School Committee requested clarification on the cost of the high school water in comparison to the other two schools.

A hold was placed on warrant #1421 – item #8 for payment to Partac Peat Corporation for infield dirt at Hull High School. School Committee requested that this item be resubmitted to the School Building Committee for payment.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve school warrants for payment excluding item #7 on warrant 1417 and item #8 on warrant 1421.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Kristen Evans urged community members to attend the Special Town Meeting regarding the Jacobs School construction project on Thursday, June 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at Hull High School. Babysitting by NHS students will be provided. Tours of the Jacobs School for community members will be from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. before the Special Town Meeting.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: James Canavan

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0