

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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
Mildred O'Callaghan, Assistant Superintendent
Maria Hortaridis, Director of Finance
David Twombly, Director of Operations
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

Kristen Evans requested to move item 7.6 Update on Jacobs School Mold Abatement and item 7.7 Jacobs School Construction Project before item 7.1 Current Enrollment.

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the School Committee agenda with requested changes.

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

Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, reported on the following:

- Thanked Maggie Ollerhead for the copy of the policy manual
- Met with Millie O'Callaghan and Maggie Rizzi regarding the high school tutoring program
- Requested staff members to join the PTO
- Requested information regarding the Jacobs School mold issue

6.0 Approval of Minutes

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

Moved to approve the July 17, 2006 School Committee Minutes with the following change:

- Item 5.0 change the word here to **her**

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.6 Update on Jacobs School Mold Abatement

David Twombly, Director of Operations stated that mold spores at the Jacobs School was caused by the heavy rains last spring getting under the concrete slab followed by humid weather and classroom windows being closed. Mold was found in three classrooms carpets during the month of July and spread to five other classrooms. Testing was conducted in the entire school for mold, which was done immediately. Rugs, drapery, asbestos floor tiles, and ceiling tiles had to be removed from the eight classrooms. The final report is scheduled to be completed by the Oasis Environmental Contracting Services on Friday, September 1st. Mr. Twombly responded to questions and concerns from School Committee members, parents and community members.

7.7 Jacobs School Construction Project

Fire Chief Frank Lyons discussed the fire drill plan that will be implemented during the construction at the Jacobs School. Practice fire drills will be done as many times as needed.

Jacobs School Principal Raymond Joyal presented an overview of the Jacobs School upcoming construction project. Some of the areas discussed were as follows:

- Project will be completed in two phases
- Six classrooms will be relocated during the Thanksgiving weekend
- Four first grade classrooms will be relocated in the cafeteria
- Art and music classrooms will be taught from moving carts
- Two of the grade three classrooms will go into the art and music rooms
- Recess will take place in the back of the building
- Weekly “blue notes” will include construction updates
- In addition to the “blue notes” a monthly construction newsletter will be sent home to parents

Mr. Joyal responded to many concerned parents questions. Many parents stated that they were concerned for their children transferring to a new classroom location during the Thanksgiving break. Mr. Joyal responded that there would not be enough time for classrooms to be set up before school starts. School Committee requested that Mr. Joyal meet and discuss with the first grade teachers if there was a possibility of making this transfer before school starts so that the students would be in the same classroom for the entire year. Mr. Joyal also responded to School Committee questions.

School Committee requested a special School Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 5th to tour the Jacobs School followed by a meeting at the Memorial School. A representative from Oasis Environmental contracting Services was requested to attend this meeting.

A recess was called at 8:50 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

7.1 Current Enrollment

The following enrollment information were presented by Dr. Delaney:

Current School Enrollment	Current Enrollment	Students That Transferred in	Students That Transferred Out
L.M. Jacobs School	545	18	20
Memorial Middle School	284	5	3

Hull High School	441	9	5
Total current enrollment	1270		

7.2 Current Staffing

Dr. Delaney informed the Committee that twenty-five new staff members have been hired for the 2006-2007 school year. She discussed the new teacher three-day orientation program on August 29th, 30th, and 31st.

7.3 High School Advisory Program

High School Teacher Marylou Galluzzo presented the following information about the new advisory program beginning this school year at the high school:

- Advisory Committee
- Teacher training
- Teacher / student ratio 1:14

Some of the areas that each grade level will participate in are as follows:

- Freshmen / sophomore class:
 - Goal setting, study skills, organization, time management, respect, responsibility, caring, and compassion
- Junior Class:
 - Goal setting, career self-assessment, resumes, colleges, job training and financial assistance for college
- Senior Class:
 - Financial planning, budget building, stocks, and credit cards.

7.4 School Handbooks

High School Principal Jonathan Ford, Memorial Middle School Principal Andrew Stephens, and L.M. Jacobs School Principal Raymond Joyal presented individual school student handbooks explaining the changes for the upcoming school year. Each principal responded to questions from School Committee members. (see below for School Committee motion)

7.5 Opening School Activities

Dr. Paula Delaney stated she would be meeting with the entire staff on Tuesday, September 5th at Hull High School. She invited School Committee members to attend the opening day greetings.

7.8 Civil Rights Complaint

The United States Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights completed its investigation regarding the complaint filed against the Hull Public Schools. Dr. Delaney informed the Committee that of the six complaints filed, one had no findings, one had already been addressed, two have been given to the bonding company, and two will be resolved at the school level.

7.10 Acceptance of a Gift

A motion to accept a \$7,500 donation from the Coggin Foundation was requested by Dr. Delaney. The Coggin Foundation donated \$7,500 to be used only for Dr. Debra Kirby's After School Academy Reading Program at the Memorial Middle School.

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to accept the \$7,500 donation from the Coggin Foundation to be used only for Dr. Kirby's After School Academy Reading Program at the Memorial Middle School.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.11 MASC / MASS Joint Conference

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: James Canavan

Moved to appoint Catherine Bowes as the School Committee Delegate and Stephanie Peters as the alternate Delegate at the MASC / MASS Joint Conference on November 8-11, 2006.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.9 Valedictorian Policy and Class Rank Policy

After discussion of Policy JM – Selection of Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian the following motion was made.

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to change item 3 from *registered and attended classes for at least six semesters* to **completed his/her junior and senior year.**

Vote: 5-0-0

Input on policy IKE –Determination of Class Rank from Jonathan Ford, Hull High School Principal for the next September meeting.

8.0 New Business None

9.0 Old Business

9.1 School Lunch Increase

A request from School Committee that principals send home letters to parents / guardians outlining the new school lunch prices. It was also requested that the new lunch prices be placed on Channel 22 and advertised in the Hull Times.

9.2 Donaldina Gately Art Room

Dr. Delaney stated that this was a pending issue, everyone has been on vacation over the summer and this item will be addressed in September.

9.3 FLES Program

School Committee requested the Superintendent meet with Jacobs School Principal Ray Joyal and present a proposal on the FLES Program at a future meeting.

9.4 School Tour

The August 29th tour of Jacobs School was cancelled and will be rescheduled when the mold issue at Jacobs School has been completed.

9.5 Homework Policy

Superintendent informed the Committee that the principals will be working on this policy and she will present it at a future meeting.

10.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: James Canavan

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses for second reading.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the Jacobs School, Memorial Middle School and Hull High School Student Handbooks as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Kristen Evans invited anyone who would like to participate in the HASC road race on Saturday, September 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: James Canavan

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0