

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Richardson, Chair
Kristen Evans, Vice Chair
Stephanie Peters, Secretary
Catherine Bowes, Member
Marianne Harte, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Richardson at 7.00 p.m. at Hull High School in the Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

Kevin Richardson welcomed Dr. Kathleen Tyrell as the new Superintendent of Schools.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the School Committee agenda with the following change:

- Remove item 4.0 – HTA representative's report

Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

Removed from agenda

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the Friday, May 25, 2007 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes with the following change:

- Remove **a.m.** in the last sentence of the minutes.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the Friday, June 8, 2007 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Monday, June 11, 2007 School Committee minutes with the following change:

- Page 2 - Item 7.2 – third line - change the word *Power point* to **PowerPoint**

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Thursday, June 21, 2007 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, June 25, 2007 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the Friday, July 13, 2007 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 Recommendation of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

The following information was presented by Dr. Tyrell:

- Posted and advertised position
- Met with Administrators to discuss the needs of the district
- Received twenty-one applications
- Selected four strong candidates for interviews
 - One candidate withdrew because of the lengthy commute from her home
 - One candidate accepted another position
- Interview Team consisted of: parent and School Committee Member, High School Teacher, High School Principal and Memorial School Principal
- Developed questions
- Conducted a thorough reference check

Dr. Tyrell recommended Dr. Joy Turpie for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. She read her credentials and said Dr. Turpie was someone who will help move Hull forward. Dr. Turpie responded to questions from School Committee.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dr. Joy Turpie as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development and to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate an employment contract with Dr. Turpie.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.2 Approval of High School Student Handbook

Jonathan Ford, High School Principal presented changes and additions in the following areas to the 2007 – 2008 High School Student Handbook:

- Graduation requirements
- Exams
- Class rank
- Student recognition
- National Honor Society
- Student records
- Attendance policy
- Tardy policy
- Vandalism and restitution
- Appeal process
- Discipline of students with disabilities
- Dress and appearance
- Health services
- Library Media Center
- Project Humanitarian Involvement
- Lock downs
- Chemical Health
- Notice of equal opportunity

Mr. Ford explained that many of these changes were due to School Committee policies, state laws and compliance with DOE.

Kevin Richardson suggested any changes in the student handbook should be put on the High School Website.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the High School Student Handbook for the 2007 – 2008 school year as presented by Mr. Jonathan Ford.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.3 Acceptance of a Gift

Dr. Tyrell requested School Committee to accept a gift from Old Derby Animal Clinic for \$1221.00.worth of plumbing supplies. These supplies will help reduce the volume of water usage at Hull High School.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve and accept the gift of plumbing supplies from Old Derby Animal Clinic for \$1,221.00.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 New Business Items

Kristen Evans inquired when Terra Nova results would be presented at a meeting. Memorial School Principal Lynda Feeney said the test was given for the first time last year to students in grades five and eight. She is working with the Terra Nova Company on a clear explanation to be sent to parents and given to teachers along with student results. Dr. Tyrell recommended coming to School Committee in September to present an overview of the test results after results are shared with parents and staff. She also informed the Committee that beginning next year this test would be given to all students in grades two through nine and the PSAT would be given to students in grades ten and eleven during the month of October.

8.0 School Committee Policies

8.1 Attendance Policy

School Committee discussed the following areas of Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses:

- Detention
- Parent concerns
- Excused absences
- Circumstances for allowing excused absences

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

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

Policy LA Education Agency Relations Goals

Policy LB Relations with Other Schools and School Districts

Policy LBC Relations with Home Schools

Policy LBC-R Relations with Home Schools

- Marianne Harte suggested a few grammatical changes

Policy LDA Student Teaching And Internships

- Stephanie Peters asked if this is actually the procedure used. Jonathan Ford responded that it would be on an individual basis and currently we do not have any internships.

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

Kevin Richardson noted that the School Finance Subcommittee would be meeting on Thursday, July 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Stephanie Peters inquired about what will be done with the actions steps from the report that Dr. Delaney presented at a previous meeting on the parent surveys of students who attend school outside of Hull. Dr. Tyrell stated that the Committee would not receive information until after October 1st when all schools must report to the town a student resides in.

9.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee

The next meeting of the School Building Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 26.

- Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee will meet on Friday, July 27 to finalize the FY07 budget

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

HTA negotiations will be held on Thursday, July 26

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Catherine Bowes said that the previous Superintendent included a page with a brief comment about each agenda item in the School Committee packets. She said this information was very helpful in preparing for the meeting. Kevin Richardson noted that information is now being placed before each item in the School Committee packets.

Stephanie Peters inquired about the School Committee's walk through in all three buildings. Kevin Richardson said there is a tentative date for the Jacobs School. When that is confirmed dates for the other two schools will be discussed.

Stephanie Peters requested the new athletic director / community outreach person come to a School Committee meeting to present his expectations and goals for this position. Dr. Tyrell asked Jonathan Ford to arrange this request.

Stephanie Peters asked Dr. Tyrell to invite HASC, Boosters Club, and PTO representatives to give a presentation at a future meeting on each organizations contribution to the school system. Dr. Tyrell said she would inquire when these groups would be available. Kevin Richardson requested including the scholarship committee to present at a future meeting.

Kristen Evans requested the athletic director also include in his presentation what was accomplished last year and how these accomplishments will continue.

Stephanie Peters inquired about meeting with the Superintendent regarding establishing her goals. Dr. Tyrell said she would be meeting with her administrators and goals would be discussed.

Cathy Bowes requested scheduling the next Community Outreach meeting for August 20 at 6:00 p.m. The topic of the meeting would be: hiring process, selection of committees, policies and roles of school councils. Stephanie Peters requested a Connect-Ed call be placed to parents about the date and time of this meeting. She also requested information be placed on the school cable station and on the school Website. Frances Troy, Jacobs School secretary noted that the Connect Ed system is not updated as of yet with the current kindergarten students

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with union and non-union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Catherine Bowes, Stephanie Peters, Kevin Richardson, Kristen Evans, and Marianne Harte.