

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Richardson, Chair (present)  
Kristen Evans, Vice Chair (absent)  
Stephanie Peters, Secretary (present)  
Catherine Bowes, Member (present)  
Marianne Harte, Member (present)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent  
Maria Hortaridis, Director of Finance  
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Kevin Richardson at 7:10 p.m. at Hull High School in the Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda  
**Motion:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** Kristen Evans  
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda with the following change:  
• Remove item 7.2 – Scholarship Committee from the agenda and add this item to the December 10, 2007 agenda  
**Vote:** 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative  
Casey Leeber, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:  
• Fall sports  
• Football rally  
• CPR course for students  
• Theatre Arts Program is presenting “Annie Get Your Gun” on December 7 and 8, 2007
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative’s Report  
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Catherine Bowes  
Moved to approve Monday, October 22, 2007 School Committee Community Forum Minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Monday, October 22, 2007 School Committee Minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award

Dr. Tyrell stated that each fall Superintendents recognize one high school student to award that student the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents highest award. She was delighted to award the Certificate the MASS Academic Excellence Award to Judy Costa. Superintendent and School Committee congratulated Ms. Costa and her family.

7.2 Scholarship Committee

Postponed

7.3 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Twenty-eight Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Scholarship. Students scored in the top twenty-five percent of the MCAS scores for the district. Students receiving this scholarship will receive free tuition at the University of Massachusetts or any state college. Dr. Tyrell read the following student names receiving this scholarship:

Seanna Barone  
Kelly Berard  
Michael Bilodeau  
Christopher Chaney  
Alexander Chase  
Judy Costa  
Michelle Foley  
Emma Goldhammer  
Emma Holmes  
Peter Hortaridis  
Kayla Itzo  
James King  
Brian Lally  
Blaise Leeber  
Alexander MacKay  
Eugene McGowan  
William Naumenko  
Stephen O'Brien  
Jamie Pinkham  
Samantha Ruscansky  
Alison Schnipper  
John Shea  
Robert Striglio  
Colleen Troy  
Matthew Weiner  
Jake Williamson  
Leigh Woodworth  
Fatme Zaydan

#### 7.4 Music Trip

Mr. Mark Taylor, Jacobs School Music Teacher, requested permission to attend the annual Musical Carousel Festival on June 6, 2008 in Salem, NH. Approximately 350 students in grades five through twelve will participate in vocal or instrumental performances at this Musical Festival.

Stephanie Peters asked the number of students enrolled in the music program in the Hull Schools. Mr. Taylor said he would provide this information to Dr. Tyrell.

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Musical Carousel Festival trip on June 6, 2008 in Salem NH.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 7.6 Massachusetts Association of School Committee Resolutions

Dr. Tyrell summarized the following resolutions that will be voted on at the November 14, 2007 MASC conference:

Resolution 1 – Sharing of Information on Students Attending Charter Schools with the Sending School Districts. Dr. Tyrell supports this resolution stating it would help us figure the number of students attending Hull Schools and the hiring of teachers.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to vote in favor of resolution one – sharing of information on students attending Charter Schools with the sending school districts.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

Resolution 2 – Resolution regarding the inclusion of special education transportation costs in the circuit breaker.

Dr. Tyrell encouraged the Committee to vote favorable on this resolution. Transportation is not currently included in circuit breaker money and the approval of this resolution would include special education transportation.

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved favorable action on resolution two – Resolution Regarding the Inclusion of Special Education Transportation Costs in the Circuit Breaker.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### Resolution 3 – Public Policy Agenda

Dr. Tyrell read the seven (7) areas regarding this resolution. She said she recommends section one through five, does not see a problem with items six and seven, but the Committee may want to discuss items six and seven. Discussion followed regarding the last two areas.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved in favor of resolution three – Public Policy Agenda.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

Resolution 4 – Foundation Budget

Dr. Tyrell stated she supported this resolution

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to support resolution four – Foundation Budget

**Vote:** 4-0-0

7.5 Forensics Trips

Gregory Cunningham, Hull High School English Teacher, requested permission for the Forensics Team to attend two out-of-state trips. The first trip is to attend the Villiger Tournament at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA on November 17 – 18, 2007. Departure date would be November 16, 2007. The second trip would be the Regis/Loyola Tournament in New York City on January 19, 2008. The departure date would be January 18, 2007.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Forensics Team to attend the Villiger Tournament at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA on November 17-18, 2007 and the Regis/Loyola Tournament in New York City on January 19, 2008.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

Mr. Cunningham thanked everyone for supporting the Forensics tournament at Hull High School on October 27, 2007. The tournament was a wonderful success.

8.0 New Business Items

School Committee requested the following:

- Due to the lockdown recently in Needham Schools, a practice notification system telephone call to be sent to parents / guardians. Dr. Tyrell said she would place a test Connect-ed call sometime after the Thanksgiving holidays. She would notify parents / guardians / staff before the test was done. She would also request parents / staff to notify her if any changes / deletions needed to be made to telephone numbers
- School Committee goals be placed on the December 10, 2007 agenda
- A presentation from David Twombly at the December 10, 2007 meeting regarding the preventive maintenance program
- Post a School Committee Budget Workshop for November 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
- Post a Community Outreach Forum meeting for December 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Exhibition Room.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy KFCA	Use Of School Grounds for Motor Vehicles
Policy KHB	Advertising in the Schools
Policy KHC	Promotional Materials In the Schools
Policy KI	Visitors To The Schools
Policy KLG	Relations With Policy Authorities
Policy KLH	Relations With The Fire Department
Policy KLJ	Relations With Planning Authorities

Policy KLK

Relations With Local Governmental Authorities

**Vote:** 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

Kevin Richardson said the rededication of Hull High School has been scheduled for Thursday, November 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Also, dedicating the Hull High School Library to Kelly Resnick will take place on the same date.

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

School Finance Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. and the Town wide Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on the same evening. Both meetings will take place at Town Hall.

- Building Committee

None

- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

HTA mediations are scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

A reminder that the HASC wine dinner is on Thursday, November 15, 2007. Tickets are available by calling Jake's Restaurant.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**Vote:** 4-0-0