

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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
Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent
Maria Hortaridis, Director of Finance
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 7:06 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 7.3 – MASC Resolutions from the agenda and add this item to the November 13, 2007 agenda

Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Melissa Condo, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:

- Forensics Team
 - Competed October 20, 2007 in a tournament at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School
 - Sponsoring a tournament at Hull High School on October 27, 2007
- Guidance counselors helping seniors with college applications
- Financial aid night for parents will be sometime in December 2007
- Sports
 - Cross country
 - Girls soccer
 - Football cheerleading
 - Boys soccer
 - Football homecoming rally and football game on October 26, 2007
 - Homecoming dance on October 27, 2007 at Memorial School

Kevin Richardson asked Melissa Condo to share her upcoming trip. Ms. Condo said she was going to Virginia on October 26th for the Youth Advisory Board meeting as the Massachusetts DARE representative.

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

Deborah McCarthy, HTA President

- Thanked HASC for the generosity of providing money for instruments for the fifty students participating in the guitar program
- Invited School Committee to the Early Pumpkin Forensics Tournament on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Hull High School
- Noted that the Jacobs School students were elated to be able to eat lunch in the cafeteria.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Monday, August 27, 2007 School Committee Executive Session Minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Marianne Harte)

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve Thursday, September 6, 2007 School Committee Budget Subcommittee Minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve Monday, September 10, 2007 School Committee Executive Session Minutes (beginning at 6:30 p.m.) as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Monday, September 10, 2007 School Committee Executive Session Minutes (beginning at 8:00 p.m.) as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve Monday, September 24, 2007 School Committee Executive Session Minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Marianne Harte)

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Tuesday, October 9, 2007 School Committee Minutes with the following change:

- Page 4, correct the spelling of *Grafola* to **Garafola**

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Quincy College Dual Enrollment Program

Mr. Jonathan Ford, High School Principal, reviewed the Quincy College Program as follows:

- 2005 agreement with Quincy College to offer courses at Hull High School

- Students received high school as well as college credits
- 2006-2007 two courses were offered in English Literature
- Twenty-one students participated, one hundred twenty six college credits were received
- 2007 -2008 six courses were offered
- Forty-six students participated in courses
- Contingent on negotiations with Quincy College, expectations for 2007-2008 will be to offer ten courses that will represent one full year of college credits.

Mr. Ford responded to questions from School Committee.

7.2 Professional Development and Curriculum Updates

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, discussed Curriculum updates and professional development:

- 10th grade science MCAS trial test in 2007
- 2007 biology and chemistry scores
- Physical science in 9th grade
- Biology in grade 10
- Two advanced biology classes
- Chemistry after school preparation course
- Standardized testing administered in October
 - grade 1 – gates
 - grades 2-9 – Terra Nova
 - grade 10 - PSAT
- Use data to review curriculum and improve instruction
- Grade level data will be analyzed and curriculum will be reviewed
- Individual student data will be given to teachers and analyzed during faculty meetings and grade-level meetings
- October 18, 2007 Professional Development
 - Grades Pre-kindergarten – kindergarten: phonics and spelling
 - Grades two – grade five: EveryDay Math
 - Grades six – grade 12: writing across the curriculum
- November 6, 2007 Professional Development
 - Analyze data (MCAS, Terra Nova, classroom)
 - Inform curriculum and instruction
- EveryDay math Practice Games
 - Two training sessions held for parent volunteers
 - Parent math curriculum night
 - Family math night

7.3 MASC Resolutions

Tabled until November 13, 2007 meeting

7.4 High School Open House for Parents / Guardians of Eighth Grade Students on October 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Tyrell thanked Mr. Jonathan Ford and the High School staff for planning the open house for eighth grade students on October 25, 2007 and commented that it will be a wonderful opportunity for parents / guardians to come and see what Hull High School has to offer. She complimented Mr. Ford for inviting private school parents and Charter School parents to the open house. Mr. Ford will also speak to eighth grade students currently attending the Memorial School on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Dr. Tyrell

also discussed the brochure about Hull Public Schools that was sent to parents / guardians. She thanked Maggie Ollerhead, for her technical work with the brochure and Christopher Haraden, Editor of the Hull Times for his assistance in editing the brochure. She also noted that the brochure was published by the High School students in the WAVE program.

8.0 New Business Items

Kevin Richardson said the School Committee met to begin formulating goals and requested this item be placed on the November agenda.

- Kristen Evans requested Dr. Turpie present an action plan from the three schools at the November meeting. The presentation should include the following:
 - What was found through analyzing the MCAS data
 - What are our strengths
 - What are our weaknesses
 - Where do we go from here
 - What will be needed financially?

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the following policies for first 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

- Add the word *staff* after the word students in the first paragraph and after the word pupils in the second paragraph

Policy KLH Relations With The Fire Department

Policy KLJ Relations With Planning Authorities

Policy KLK Relations With Local Governmental Authorities

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

School Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. and the Townwide Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on the same evening. Both meetings will take place at Town Hall.

- Building Committee
Building Committee meetings are now scheduled for once a month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2007
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Athletic Subcommittee
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee
None

11.0 Approval of Warrants
None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Kristen Evans requested the three principals include in the “blue notes” that HASC will be sponsoring the annual wine dinner at Jake’s Restaurant on Thursday, November 15, 2007. Thirty tickets for teachers have been set-aside at half price.

Catherine Bowes said fourteen people attended the Community Forum meeting held at 6:00 p.m. tonight before the regular meeting. The topic of discussion was foreign language at the elementary school. Ms. Bowes requested through Dr. Tyrell that she would contact James Quataromi, Athletic Director, Jonathan Ford, High School principal and a world language faculty member at the high school to look into an after school world language program. Dr. Tyrell responded that was fine with her. Ms. Bowes stated that future discussions at Community Forums would include:

- Summer reading
- Homework policy
- Budget
- Communication from home to school and school to home
- Utilizing the Website and Channel 22
- Utilizing our student resources.

Stephanie Peters stated she had received a telephone call from a parent regarding the playground at the Jacobs School and the use by children on bicycles. The children on bicycles are using the playground as a place to do bike tricks. After discussion it was requested that signs be posted prohibiting bicycle riding at the Jacobs School playground.

13.0 Executive Session

12.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation and not to return to Open Session.

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