

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent
Joy Turpie, Assistant 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 7:01 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:** Stephanie Peters
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda as presented
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
Jack Wholey, Community Member, addressed the committee regarding the Community Outreach position and the Boosters Club.
- 4.0 Student Representative
Alexander Chase, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
 - Student Government
 - Student Council
 - Student Advisory
 - Fall Sports
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
Timothy MacKenzie representing the HTA
 - HTA is committed to work with the School Committee
 - Greatly appreciates Kevin Richardson and Kristen Evans time on the negotiations committee

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- Formally believes that teachers are a priority
- Requests equitable contract for the HTA

6.0 Approval of Minutes None

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Fundraising Groups

- HASC

Donna Brady, Treasurer, presented financial information for HASC for the twelve months ending May 31, 2007. She discussed what was included in the revenues and expenses.

Revenues	\$18,410
Expenses	<u>\$22,877</u>
Net Income	(\$ 4,467)

- PTO

Donna Brady, member, presented financial information for the year ending June 30, 2007 for the PTO. She described each of the items included in the revenues and expenses.

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Revenues	\$53,276
Expenses	<u>\$45,740</u>
Net increase in fund balance	\$ 7,536

- Boosters Club

Donna Brady, Treasurer, presented financial information for the year ending April 30, 2007 for the Hull Boosters Club. She gave a breakdown of all items included in the revenues and expenses.

Revenues	\$55,415
Expenses	<u>\$51,831</u>
Net increase in fund balance	\$ 3,584

Nancy Sullivan, Boosters President presented the history of the Boosters Club that began in 1958. She explained how the Boosters Club using volunteers helps support athletics and academics in the Hull Schools.

Annmarie Dunn, PTO Co-President presented an overview of how the PTO supports the three Hull Schools.

7.2 Athletic Director and Community Outreach Coordinator – Mr. James Quatromoni Mr. James Quatromoni presented the following community outreach information:

- What is Community Outreach?
- Key components of the outreach program
- Hull High School Internship Programs
- Benefits of work related experiences
- Types of internship programs

- Academic credit recovery
- Experiential opportunities
- Program of study and job training
- Informing the Community
- Developing collaborative relations
- Work to be done
- Conclusions

Mr. Quatromoni responded to questions from School Committee.

Mr. James Quatromoni informed the Committee that Intersport, the company that produces the halftime shows for NBC Sunday Night Football will be making a mini documentary that will include filming the Hull Pirate's football game on October 5, 2007 at the Hull High School.

7.3 New England Theatre Conference – Mr. Joseph Doniger

Mr. Joseph Doniger, Theatre Director, requested permission to bring theatre arts students to attend the New England Theatre Conference on November 1 – 3, 2007 in Waterville, New Hampshire.

Jack Wholey, Community Member, asked about the money collected in the theatre arts program. Mr. John Lidington, Hull High School Treasurer for Extra Curriculum Activities, explained the procedure used for all student accounts as follows:

- All monies collected through student activities are deposited into a single student activity account.
- Monies are input into the town accounting system
- Request for payment from individual schools are made to the business office
- All money spent is approved by School Committee
- Town accountant is requested to transfer requested funds into checking account
- Check is issued for requested items

Jack Wholey requested information from the student activity account audit. Dr. Tyrell informed Mr. Wholey he would need to make a request for information in writing.

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve attendance at the New England Conference on November 1 –3, 2007 in Waterville New Hampshire.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.4 Broadway 2008 – Mr. Joseph Doniger

Mr. Doniger also stated that the theatre program would like to attend its tenth annual Broadway weekend in New York City on May 2-4, 2008.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve attending Broadway 2008 in New York City on May 2 – 4, 2008

Vote: 4-0-0

7.5 Mathematics Update – Dr. Joy Turpie

Dr. Tyrell explained that a school falls into corrective action when the entire school or sub group does not make the adequate yearly progress (AYP) determined by the state. A subgroup (free and reduced lunch students) at Memorial Middle School fell into this area and was placed in corrective action for mathematics. This year thanks to the students, teachers and parents at the Memorial School the AYP aggravate in all areas is fifty percent out of correction action. Dr. Tyrell also congratulated the previous superintendent, Dr. Paula Delaney and Memorial School Principal Andrew Stephens on this improvement.

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent presented an overview of the system wide mathematics program, which included the following:

- Goals of mathematics program
 - To provide students with access to curriculum and instruction
- Adequate yearly progress (AYP)
 - Improvement targets
 - In the year 2014 all students need to be in the proficient and advanced categories in English Language Arts and mathematics
- Consequences of not making AYP
 - Year 1 School is noted
 - Year 2 School is placed in need of improvement
 - Year 3 School is placed in corrective action
 - Year 4 School in restructure
- Need to make AYP for two (2) years in a row to reverse a label
 - 2006 Memorial School was in corrective action because a subgroup did not make the AYP
 - 2007 Memorial School did make the AYP aggregate for all groups
 - 2008 is an important year for making the AYP in mathematics at Memorial School
- Previous analysis
 - Elementary and middle school curricula were not well aligned to move students successfully from elementary to middle school.
 - Some middle school students did not receive mathematics five times a week
 - Some high school students took the tenth grade MCAS before taking Algebra II.
- Changes implemented
 - Elementary students are receiving a more gregarious curriculum (Everyday mathematics)
 - All middle school students are receiving mathematics five times a week
 - Last year targeted students at the middle school receive additional support
 - Many high school students presently are taking two mathematics courses before taking the tenth grade MCAS test
- Immediate goals
 - To increase academic expectations for all students
 - To continue to improve mathematics MCAS scores at the middle school
 - To continue to improve MCAS scores at all schools
 - To finish alignment in the mathematic curriculum between all schools
- Recent sequence of mathematics courses
 - Kindergarten – grade five Everyday mathematics
 - Grades six and seven Impact mathematics
 - Grade eight Algebra I
 - Grade nine Geometry and Algebra I

- Grade ten Algebra II and geometry
- Grade eleven Choice of: trigonometry, topics, or honors pre-calculus
- Grade twelve Choice of: trigonometry, A/P calculus, topics,
Quincy College pre- calculus or University calculus I
- Present consideration
 - How can we continue to make improvement in mathematics at all schools
 - How can we continue to make improvements at Memorial School without the services of an additional mathematics teacher
 - What is the best sequence of course for the middle school and high school in the future?

Dr. Turpie responded to questions from School Committee.

7.6 MASC Delegate

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to appoint Mrs. Catherine Bowes as School Committee Delegate and Mr. Kevin Richardson as Alternate Delegate at the MASC / MASS Joint Conference on November 14-17, 2007.

8.0 New Business Items
None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy JK-R Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Policy JRA-R Student Records

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy KA School/Community Relations Goals

Policy KBA School/Parent Relations Goals

Policy KBE Relations with Parent Organizations

Policy KCB Community Involvement In Decision Making

Policy KCD Public Gifts To The Schools

Policy KDB Public's Right To Know

Policy KDD News Media Relations/News Releases

Policy KE Public Complaints

Policy KE-R Public Complaints

Policy KEB Public Complaints About School Personnel

Policy KEB-R Public Complaints About School Personnel

Policy KEC Public Complaints About the Curriculum Or Instructional Materials

Policy KEC-E Citizen's Request For Reconsideration Of Instructional Materials

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

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- Town-wide Financial Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. at town hall

- School Financial Subcommittee

The subcommittee will meet on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at town hall.

- Building Committee

The Building Committee will meet on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters noted she had received excellent comments from parents regarding the open house in all three schools.

Catherine Bowes said that at the Community Outreach forum held at 6:00 p.m. on September 24th the topic was school councils and the hiring process. She requested consistency in all three school councils. She also requested Dr. Tyrell re-establish the District-wide School Council.

13.0 Executive Session

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

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