

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Richardson, Chair (present)
Kristen Evans, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
Stephanie Peters, Secretary (absent)
Catherine Bowes, Member (present)
Marianne Harte, Member (present)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent
Joy Turpie, 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 Kevin Richardson at 7:09 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:** Marianne Harte
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda as presented
Vote: 3-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
Debbie McCarthy, HTA President:
- Welcomed all new teachers, administrators, and students for the 2007 – 2008 school year
 - Thanked Jake's Restaurant for the new teacher orientation luncheon
 - Thanked HASC for sponsoring the road race on September 1, 2007
- Kevin Richardson welcomed Dr. Joy Turpie as the new Assistant Superintendent.
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Catherine Bowes
Moved to approve the Monday, May 14, 2007 School Committee Community Forum minutes as presented
Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, June 11, 2007 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

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

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Friday, July 6, 2007 School Committee / Administration Retreat minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, July 23, 2007 School Committee Community Forum minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Monday, July 23, 2007 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, July 23, 2007 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, August 6, 2007 School Committee minutes with the following change:

- Item 8.1 Attendance Policy - page three paragraph two change the works *Ms. Harte* to **Dr. Tyrell**.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, August 6, 2007 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Friday, August 24, 2007 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 School Opening

Dr. Tyrell reported there was a very smooth school opening this year. She said she was very optimistic that this will be a highly successful year. She congratulated Ms. Donna Tobin, Jacobs School Principal and her staff on the move to the new Jacobs School addition.

6.2 Preliminary Enrollment

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that the enrollment for Friday, September 7, 2007 was 1257. She stated that in general, the enrollment is steady and cautioned the Committee to wait until the official enrollment figures are compiled on October 1, 2007.

6.3 Staffing Update

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that all open positions have been filled. She thanked principals and interview committees for selecting great candidates.

6.4 Reduced Positions

Dr. Tyrell said that 2007 – 2008 budget is supporting 7.2 less staff. She read the following information regarding the reduced positions:

FTE	POSITION
.5	Community Learning Facilitator
1.0	Middle School Secretary
1.0	Elementary Teacher
1.0	Middle School Teacher
.8	High School Teacher
2.9	Paraprofessionals
7.2	Total Reduced Positions

6.5 MASC Delegate

After a discussion regarding the MASC delegate it was decided to place this item on the next School Committee agenda.

6.6 District-wide Goals

Dr. Tyrell discussed and explained the academic, financial and community relations areas of the district goals (copy attached).

Catherine Bowes requested when Dr. Tyrell is working with the Hull Times to communicate the district-wide goals to the entire community. She also requested principals to include an overview of the goals in each newsletter to parents highlighting what is being done at each school. Ms. Bowes also suggested including SAT scores when analyzing MCAS and Terra Nova data.

Marianne Harte inquired about the Terra Nova and MCAS test scores. Lynda Feeney, Memorial School Principal responded that she would be meeting with teachers to discuss the test results before the results are sent to parents. Dr. Tyrell said the DOE embargo will be lifted October 3rd and a report will be presented to the Committee at the following meeting. Ms. Harte requested Terra Nova and MCAS scores be placed on Channel 22. Dr. Tyrell noted the scores would be on the DOE Website.

Kevin Richardson asked about the Jacobs School report cards. Dr. Tyrell said this item would be placed on the October agenda.

7.0 New Business Items

Kristen Evans requested Dr. Turpie present an action plan on professional development, teacher training and working in the schools at a future meeting.

Marianne Harte asked if a maintenance plan is in place. David Twombly said the work order process using “school dude” will be implemented beginning at the high school and he would demonstrate at the October meeting.

Catherine Bowes requested James Griffin, Facilities Manager be present during the maintenance presentation. She requested the following be included in the presentation:

- What work has been done in the schools
- What will be done
- Preventative maintenance information
- Communicate information to the public.

Dr. Tyrell noted that the presentation requested by the Committee regarding the Boosters Club, PTO, and HASC is scheduled for the September 24th meeting.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve / adopt current personnel included in the policy manual.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading:

Policy JK-R	Discipline Of Students With Disabilities
Policy JRA-R	Student Records

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the following policies for first 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	

8.1 Attendance Policy

After a discussion of this policy, it was agreed to add **other qualifying events** to item #6 of this policy.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses for third reading / adoption.

Vote: AYES: Catherine Bowes, Marianne Harte, Kevin Richardson **NAYS:** Kristen Evans

9.0 Old Business Items

None

9.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee

The Building Committee on September 6, 2007 turned over the new addition portion of the L.M. Jacobs School to the School Committee. A number of items are still pending on the punch list. The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2007.

- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

Meeting will be scheduled with HTA

The following is a list of School Committee members that are part of negotiating teams:

- Hull Teachers Association

Kevin Richardson and Kristen Evans

- School Custodians

Catherine Bowes and Marianne Harte

- School Nurses

Stephanie Peters and Kevin Richardson

- School Secretaries

Marianne Harte and Stephanie Peters

- Paraprofessionals

Catherine Bowes

Kristen Evans volunteered to be on this negotiating committee

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Kristen Evans)

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Catherine Bowes said she had received a question from a high school parent about communication sent home regarding parking fees and permits. She requested Mr. Ford in his next newsletter inform parents / guardians where the money collected for parking is being directed. Mr. Ford noted the money is being used to purchase parking tags.

Kristen Evans thanked HTA President Deborah McCarthy for her communication with staff, students and coaches regarding participation in the annual HASC road race.

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and not to come back into Open Session.

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