

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 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

Kathleen Tyrell, 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 7:04 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: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Catherine Bowes
Moved to approve the School Committee agenda as presented
Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

None

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 Memorial School Student Handbook

Lynda Feeney, Memorial Middle School Principal said the fifth grade students would receive the Memorial School Student Handbook this year. She presented changes and additions to the 2007 – 2008 Memorial School Student Handbook in the following areas:

- Students records
- Promotion /retention

- High school freshman extension program
- Discipline of students
- Notices of civil rights
- Increase cost of replacement of student planner

Ms. Feeney explained that many of these changes were due to School Committee policies, state laws and compliance with DOE. She responded to questions from School Committee.

6.2 L.M. Jacobs School Student Handbook

Donna Tobin, L.M. Jacobs School Principal presented changes and additions to the L.M. Jacobs School Student Handbook as follows:

- Welcome letter to parents/guardians
- Table of contents
- Wellspring
- School hours
- Connect Ed telephone calls
- Bus conduct / transportation
- Student walkers
- Health services
- Food services
- Lost and found
- Dress standards
- Cell phones
- Birthday / invitations
- School ceremonies and observances
- Class placement
- Communication
- Students records
- Confidentiality of records
- Homework policy
- Report cards
- Discipline policy
- Notice of civil rights
- Referral procedures for special education
- Kids Care and JASPER programs

Ms. Tobin noted that many of the changes in the student handbook were due to School Committee policies, state laws and compliance with DOE.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the 2007 - 2008 Memorial Middle School Student Handbook and the 2007-2008 L.M. Jacobs School Student Handbook as presented.

Motion: 4-0-0

6.3 Migration Reporting

Dr. Tyrell said that she had worked with administrators and developed a monthly in and out migration report. This report will be used as an offset to the parent surveys that had been previously sent to parents of students attending school outside Hull. The monthly migration reporting will give her concrete data that she will report to the Committee. This information will show the number of students leaving Hull Public Schools and the number of students entering to Hull Public Schools along with the reason these students are leaving and returning to Hull. She noted that this information will monitor what is going on, what we can learn from it and take the necessary next step.

7.0 New Business Items

None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following policies for third reading / adoption:

Policy LA Education Agency Relations Goals

Policy LB Relations With Other Schools and School Districts

Policy LDA Student Teaching and Internships

Vote: 4-0-0

8.1 Attendance Policy

Catherine Bowes requested there be consistency between this School Committee policy and the high school student handbook.

Marianne Harte requested examples be given on #6 on page two of this policy. Kevin Richardson suggested Dr. Tyrell meet with Mr. Ford regarding this issue.

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses for second reading with suggested change.

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

The August 20th School Committee meeting has been cancelled. The Community Outreach meeting has been changed from August 20 to September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Stephanie Peters requested that School Committee receive a final copy of all student handbooks.

9.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee
 - Discussed the starting date of the high school roof repair
 - Noted that one-half of the Jacobs School gymnasium will be used as a student cafeteria effective early to mid October

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- Noted that a parent walk-through at the Jacobs School could possibly be held on the last Thursday in August

- Budget Subcommittee

Requested posting a budget subcommittee meeting for August 24th at 9:00 a.m.

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

HTA negotiation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th at 3:00 p.m.

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Stephanie Peters asked if an invoice in warrant #8010 regarding asbestos should be a building committee invoice. Maria Hortaridis said she would check on this.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Executive Session

None

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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