

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Richardson, Chair (present)
Kristen Evans, Vice Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Secretary (present)
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 7:08 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 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
Lori Perry read a letter regarding
- Teacher pay raises
 - Librarian at Memorial School
 - Special Education Director
- Kristen Evans responded to a letter placed in the Hull Times by Lori Perry regarding misrepresented information.
- 4.0 Student Representative
None
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, discussed the school budget and HTA pay raises.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the September 24, 2007 School Committee Community Forum minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Marianne Harte)

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the November 26, 2007 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the December 10, 2007 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Kristen Evans)

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Director of Student Services Recommendation

Dr. Tyrell recommended Judith Kuehn for the position of Director of Student Services. She introduced Ms. Kuehn who responded to questions from School Committee.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve Dr. Tyrell's recommendation to appoint Judith Kuehn as Director of Student Services subject to successful contract negotiations.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Change in School Calendar due to Rescheduling of State Primary Election

Dr. Tyrell said that a request from Janet Bennett, Town Clerk had been made to change the early release day from Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to Tuesday, February 5, 2008. This request is due to a change in the state primary date. The principals will notify parents/guardians and also place a Connect-Ed telephone call.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to change early release date from Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to Tuesday, February 5, 2008 as requested by Dr. Tyrell.

7.3 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Additional Recipients

Three students that transferred back to Hull High School have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. These students are eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts or any of the Massachusetts state colleges. Dr. Tyrell congratulated and announced the student names:

Siobhan McDonagh
Cassandra Panetta
Kevin Wholey

7.4 Legislative Objectives

School Committee discussed and identified the following three legislative objectives:

- Transportation costs to be included in the circuit breaker and circuit breaker be fully funded
- Annual adjustment to Chapter 70 based on the CPI
- Charter School reimbursement assessments affect on towns.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve School Committee Chair to forward the three School Committee legislative objectives to Philip Lemnios, Town Manager.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.5 FY09 Budget

Dr. Tyrell clarified budget areas including:

- Revenue shortfall
- Budget not fully funded
- Maintenance budget costs
- Step raises
- Contractual obligations
- Jacobs School reopening next year
- Utility increases
- Reopening school system as is before any cuts are made

Dr. Marguerite Rizzi, Director of Student Services, gave the following overview of what is needed to provide special education services for FY09:

- Salaries
- Supplies
- Contractual Services
- Transportation
- Tuition

David Twombly, Director of Operations, provided the following costs associated with the maintenance budget

- School and vocational transportation
- Maintenance salaries
- Custodian supplies
- Maintenance of Equipment
- Maintenance of Buildings
- Care of Grounds
- Utilities

James Quatromoni, Athletic Director and Community Outreach Coordinator discussed the following cost to maintain what we currently have in athletics:

- Sports teams
- Participation in sports
- Salaries
- Transportation
- Expenses

Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Professional Development, presented the following costs associated with the system wide administration

- Salaries
- Supplies
- Technology

- Vocational tuitions
- Memberships
- Professional development
- Testing
- Nursing supplies
- Course reimbursement
- Medical services
- Insurance
- School Committee dues and expenses
- Legal expenses
- Advertising costs
- Cafeteria expenses
- Replacement and acquisition of equipment
- Stipends
- Nurses substitute costs
- Longevity
- Severance pay

The following comments / suggestions / questions were offered by members of the audience:

- Freshman basketball
- Actual energy costs
- Central office telephone costs
- Buses at full capacity
- Energy costs at Jacobs School
- Recycle program revenue
- Medicare money
- Health costs
- Vocational school costs
- Administration costs compared to other towns
- South Shore Charter School students

8.0 New Business Items

None

.9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- School Finance Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Town wide Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on January 17, 2008
- Dr. Delaney said she would reschedule the joint School Council meeting
- Building Committee

The Building Committee will meet on Thursday, January 17, 2008 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:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Kristen Evans)

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

School Committee encouraged parents to continue to email budget concerns to School Committee

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kristen Evans **Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 9:30 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, Kristen Evans and Marianne Harte