

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 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 7:06 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:** Marianne Harte
Moved to approve agenda as presented.
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:
 - Junior/senior semi-formal on Saturday, February 2, 2008
 - Ice Hockey
 - Girls basketball
 - Winter cheerleadingMs. Condo also reported that Mr. Fuller's Advanced Placement English Literature and Language class entered the "*Write On*" Totally Patriot Essay Contest. Four students won first place, four students came in second place, and eight students received honorable mention.
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the January 7, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the January 14, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 High School Promotion Requirements – Mr. Jonathan Ford

Jonathan Ford, High School Principal, requested changing the high school promotion credit sequence from 30 – 40 – 40 – 30 to 30 – 30 – 40 – 40. Mr. Ford said that the High School Council had discussed this issue and voted unanimously to support adopting the revised sequence.

The reasons for this request included:

- Maintaining students within their cohort's testing sequence
- Maintaining student standing with their classes are more likely to stay in school
- Increases expectations to students of greater maturity
- Misalignment of the advisory program

Dr. Tyrell said she fully supported this recommendation. She commended the High School Council.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve and adopt changing the high school promotion credit sequence to 30 – 30 – 40 – 40 as requested by Jonathan Ford, High School Principal.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Hall of Fame – Mr. James Quatromoni

Mr. James Quatromoni, Athletic Director, presented the following proposal to create a Hall of Fame at Hull High School:

- Board of Directors
- Officers
- By-Laws
- Purpose
- Eligibility
- Criteria
- Board of Directors responsibilities
- Membership
- Selection Committee
- Meetings
- Amendments
- Ethics Clause
- Meeting Format
- Student-athlete nomination form
- Contributor nomination form
- Coach nomination form

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to support the establishment of an athletic Hall of Fame as presented by Mr. James Quatromoni, and placing a plaque at Hull High School.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Kevin Richardson)

7.3 Curriculum Update – Dr. Joy Turpie

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the implementation of the phonics/spelling program at Jacobs School as follows:

- Month by month phonics
 - Brain research
 - Patricia Cunningham's research on the program
- Word walls
 - Words to use to read and write other words
 - High frequency sight words
 - Students practice new and old words daily
 - Students use what they have learned to write new words that have similar spelling patterns
 - Teachers use this activity to making sure readers are using phonics and context to figure out an unknown word
 - Students arrange letters to make words
- Important Instructional Tools
 - Ways to assess student progress
 - Ways to differentiate instruction
 - Ways to observe and coach students as they use their newly learned skills to read and write

7.4 FY09 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell presented the following update of the progress of FY09 budget:

- Town manager has reduced the budget by 2.6% from FY08 to FY09
- FY09 budget figure will be \$12,770,000
- Overall cut in services for the FY09 school budget would be 8.6% or \$1,141,488.
- Entire school budget is being looked at regarding cuts

Kevin Richardson assured everyone that the Committee and Superintendent are looking at every department concerning budget cuts. The School Committee's ultimate goal is to make budget cuts that have the least educational impact. He encouraged everyone to contact School Committee with budget suggestions.

8.0 New Business Items

The Hull Scholarship Committee will be sponsoring a fundraiser on February 9th at the Clarion Hotel and are looking for volunteers.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve Policy JK-R discipline of Students with Disabilities for third reading/adoption.

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- School Finance Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Town wide Finance Committee had been disbanded because all town budgets had been set for FY09
- Building Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- 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

Kevin Richardson commented on the letter and brochure sent to all parents/guardians of students attending private schools.

Dr. Tyrell noted that students attending private school are welcome to come and be a “Pirate for a Day” at any of Hull’s Schools.

William Tramontana, Parent, asked when the next Community Outreach Forum is scheduled and what would be the topic. Catherine Bowes replied that possibly there would be Community Outreach Forum on February 25, 2008. A topic and confirming the date would be discussed at the February 11, 2008 School Committee meeting.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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