

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

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 PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent
Joy Turpie, Assistant 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 7:06 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: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Casey Leeber, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
 - CPR classes for students
 - Summer jobs
 - Forensics Team
 - Semi Formal
 - Theatre Arts Program is presenting “Grease” on March 14 and 15, 2008
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative’s Report
Hull Teacher Association members Gregory Cunningham, Jeffrey Fuller, and Richard Martin voiced concern about HTA negotiations and salary schedule.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the January 22, 2008 School Committee Budget Workshop minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the January 28, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Educational Proficiency Plan – Dr. Kathleen Tyrell

Students, starting with the graduating Class of 2010 will be required to meet or exceed the Proficient scaled score of 240 on the English Language Arts and Mathematics grade ten (10) MCAS tests. A student with a score of 220 (Needs Improvement category) on the English Language Arts and Mathematics grade ten (10) MCAS tests will be assessed and placed on an Educational Proficiency Plan. The graduating class of 2010 will also be required to attain a minimum of Needs Improvement (scaled score of 220) in science. The graduating class of 2013 will also be required to meet the required score of 220 in history and social studies.

High School Principal Jonathan Ford said a program is already in place at the high school to meet the needs of students.

Catherine Bowes requested communicating this information to parents of all 9th and 10th grade students.

7.2 Professional Development – Dr. Joy Turpie

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following professional development update:

- Training for special education teachers in administering and interpreting the Qualitative Reading Inventory
 - Provides a means of assessing students' reading achievement
 - Provides information for teachers to use to write specific learning objectives for the Individual Educational Plans
 - Provides information for intervention instruction
 - Components:
 - Graded word lists
 - Grade-level passages
 - Reading words in isolation
 - Answering comprehension questions

7.3 Town Meeting Warrant

Kevin Richardson said that last year the School Committee supported a bylaw that went before Town Meeting members regarding establishing a buffer zone near schools prohibiting registered sex

offenders from entering this area. This bylaw was discussed and tabled at Town Meeting until May 2008. The Committee requested additional information. This item will be placed on the February 25th agenda for discussion.

7.4 FY09 Budget Discussion

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

- Working with principals on budget cuts
- FY09 budget has been reduced from FY08 to FY09 by 2.6%.
- FY09 budget figure will be \$12,770,000
- Entire school budget is being looked at regarding cuts
- Welcome all suggestions from the community

Kevin Richardson requested posting the following meeting:

- Community Outreach Forum on February 25th at 6:00 p.m. Discussion will be the school budget
- General discussion on the FY09 budget at 4:00 p.m. on February 25th with all staff members.

Stephanie Peters requested Dr. Tyrell to contact the Executive Director of the MA School Building Authority regarding the statue of limitations on the 71% reimbursement on the Memorial School before any discussion is done about turning the school into town offices.

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. David Twombly will be presenting the preventative maintenance plan at the meeting.
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Athletic Subcommittee
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee
None

The Hull Garden Club raised \$450 dollars during the holiday door-decorating contest in December 2007.

The Hull Scholarship Fundraiser on Saturday, February 2, 2008 was a great success.

Stephanie Peters requested including School Committee Goals to the March agenda.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

The Committee requested a recess to review and sign school warrants at 7:53 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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