

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Richardson, Chair  
Kristen Evans, Vice Chair  
Stephanie Peters, Secretary  
Catherine Bowes, Member  
Marianne Harte, Member

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 7:12 p.m. at Hull High School in the Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag. Mr. Richardson requested a moment of silence for Ms. Margaret Raymond, who passed away on February 13, 2008.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Kevin Richardson requested changing the agenda as follows:

- Moving Item 7.2 - School Dude before item 7.1 – School Grants

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

Moved to approve agenda with requested change.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Alexander Chase, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:

- Theatre Arts Program is presenting “Grease” on March 14 and 15, 2008
- Winter sports
- Basketball cheerleaders will be performing at the regional competition
- Girl’s and Boy’s basketball teams have advanced to the MIAA state playoffs
- Student Advisory Committee is discussing the FY09 budget cuts

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative’s Report

Gregory Cunningham, HTA representative, thanked School Committee for the moment of silence for Margaret Raymond. The HTA mourns her loss. Mr. Cunningham also requested the Professional

Development Committee be reformed to help set professional development agenda for next school year.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Monday, February 11, 2008 School Committee minutes with the following change:

- Change *Greece* to **Grease** in the last bullet of item 4.0

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.2 School Dude – Mr. David Twombly

David Twombly, Director of Maintenance, demonstrated and explained the online process of the school dude program including the following:

- Accessing School Dude
- Filling out a sample work order
- Submitting a work order request
- Tracking a request
- Completed work orders
- Scheduling school events

Mr. Twombly responded to questions from School Committee.

7.1 School Grants – Dr. Kathleen Tyrell

A brief overview of the 2007 – 2008 federal and state grants was presented by Dr. Tyrell. The following is a list of grants received by the Hull Public School:

- Title I Grant
- Title IIA – Teacher Quality Grant
- Title IID – Enhanced Education Trough Technology grant
- Title IV – Safe and Drug Free Grant
- Title V – Innovative Program Grant
- Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant
- Special Education 94-142 Allocation Grant
- Special Education Program Improvement Grant
- Early Childhood Special Education Grant
- Academic Support Services Allocation Grant
- Early Literacy Intervention Grant
- After School and Out-of-School Time Quality Grant
- Hull Family Network Grant
- Community Partnerships for Children Grant

7.3 Town Meeting Warrant Update

After discussion by School Committee, this item was tabled until March 24, 2008 meeting.

7.4 Quincy College Update – Mr. Jonathan Ford

Jonathan Ford, Hull High School Principal, discussed the dual-enrollment program with Quincy College:

- Program was implemented during the 2006-2007 school year
- Students are awarded both Hull High School and Quincy College Credit for advanced coursework taken at Hull High School
- Students are required to pay a total cost of \$33 per credit
- Two courses were offered during 2006 – 2007 school year
- Course offerings were expanded to six courses for 2007-2008 school year
- Projected courses in 2008 – 2009 will increase to fourteen dual-enrollment courses

7.5 Elementary English Language Arts Professional Development – Dr. Joy Turpie and Ms. Donna Tobin

The following presentation was provided by Donna Tobin about the implementation of a consistent research based English Language Arts program:

- Thanked teachers, principals and administrators for working together to ensure every student has access to a rigorous curriculum
- Explained how information was gathered, evaluated, and a plan was formulated
- Implemented the plan and participated in professional development
- Reviewed past practices, discovered consistencies and inconsistencies across and within grade levels
- Collected teacher feedback
- Worked with all grade level teams
- Continue to use Literacy Place from beginning to end
- Professional trainer to model lessons, answer questions, provide framework of lesson plan
- Provide on-going professional development
- Using John Collins writing, writer's workshop, journal writing and open response questions.

8.0 New Business Items

Catherine Bowes requested an update on the Strategic Plan at a future meeting.

The Committee discussed an item that will come before the Board of Selectmen regarding a request for a liquor license in a restaurant opening at the corner of Nantasket Avenue and L Street. This restaurant would be located across the street from the L Street ballpark and down the street from the Memorial School.

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved that School Committee is opposed to granting a liquor license to the restaurant at Nantasket Avenue and L Street.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues  
None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee Budget Subcommittee  
None
- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:**                      **Second:**

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Catherine Bowes informed the public about a display of photographs and artwork called *The Other Side of the Wall* sponsored by the Hull Veteran Council. The exhibition will take place at the senior center during the week of February 25, 2008.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and not to return to Open Session.

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