

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Richardson, Chair (absent)  
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)  
Marianne Harte, Secretary (present)  
Catherine Bowes, Member (present)  
Kristen Evans, Member (present)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent  
Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent  
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 Stephanie Peters at 7:19 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  
Mikia Manley, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
- Spring sports
  - MCAS for sophomores
  - Junior parent night
  - SAT course
  - Senior college acceptance letters
  - Carousel painting by students
  - DECA dance
- Ms. Manley also commented about the number of high school students present at the School Committee meeting
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report  
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, November 17, 2008 Nurses Negotiations as presented.
- Thursday, January 8, 2009 Budget Workshop as presented.
- Monday, January 26, 2009 Executive Session as presented.
- Thursday, February 26, 2009 School Committee meeting with the following change
  - Change the second line of disclosures to read: Catherine Bowes disclosed she is a subcontractor employee to the Hull Municipal Light Plant, where Mr. DiVito serves on the Hull Municipal Light Board.
    - Thursday, February 26, 2009 Executive Session as presented.
    - Thursday, February 26, 2009 School Committee meeting (after executive session) as presented.
    - Monday, March 16, 2009 School Committee minutes as presented.
    - Monday, March 16, 2009 Executive Session School Committee minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Pre-School Teachers' Presentation

Ms. Katie Gerrior, Ms. Stephanie Gomes and Ms. Elaine Menice, Pre-School Teachers, presented the following overview on the integrated pre-school program:

- Teachers and paraprofessionals
- Ages of students
- Therapy
- Preschool schedule
- Curriculum
- Assessments
- Assessment process
- Assessment tools
- Fridays currently and going forward
- Parent training

Ms. Gerrior, Ms. Gomes and Ms. Menice responded to questions.

7.2 School Nurses' Presentation

Kathleen Hollingshead, R.N., Barbara Meschino, R.N. and Sharon Striglio, R. N., presented information on school nursing program as follows:

- What is school nurse
- Student support services
- Goals of the school nurse
- Components of the school nurse's role
- Assessment
- Medical conditions
- Direct nursing care
- Data on the average daily visits to nurses office by students
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Seizure disorder

- Life threatening allergies
- ADHD Health Surveillance
- Referrals from mandated screening
- Communicable disease control
- Documentation
- Current health initiatives

Ms. Hollingshead, Ms. Meschino and Ms. Striglio responded to questions from School Committee.

Community members discussed the following:

- Legal recourse
- What students deserve
- Staff also goes to the school nurse
- Law suits
- Cost of ambulance service

### 7.3 High School Athletic Hall of Fame – Mr. James Quatromoni

Mr. James Quatromoni, Athletic Director/Community Outreach Coordinator, discussed the following:

- Purpose of the Hall of Fame
  - To honor distinguished graduates, contributors, athletes, coaches and friends of Hull High School
    - Board of Directors
    - Selection Committee
    - Induction ceremony
      - The first class of Hall of Fame will be inducted on June 19, 2009
        - Location of Hall of Fame
        - Funded by donations and volunteer efforts

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve designating the area outside the gymnasium at Hull High School for the Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

### 7.4 DECA Field Trip – Ms. Barbara Smith

Ms. Barbara Smith, High School Business Teacher, said that three high school students have qualified to compete in the DECA International Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA. She discussed the fundraising that will help to pay for the cost of the trip. She requested permission to attend the DECA International Conference and bring the three students to participate in the competition on April 28 – May 2, 2009.

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve attendance at the DECA International Competition Conference in Anaheim, CA on April 28 – May 2, 2009.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

### 7.5 Memorial Middle School Update

Dr. Tyrell said she wanted community members to have a clear understanding that the Memorial Middle School will be open in September, 2009. She discussed setting up a committee to look at the long term educational needs of the school system with a full report brought back to a School Committee at a September, 2009 meeting. Dr. Tyrell said the first step would be asking school administrators to look at

the educational needs of each school.

Ms. Joan Meschino, Chair, Board of Selectmen, said the Board of Selectmen has discussed forming a committee to look at the needs of the town and put together a long-term (five year) plan.

Kristen Evans requested having someone from the School Building Authority come to a future School Committee meeting and give a definite answer as to whether the town would lose reimbursement money if the Memorial Middle School was used for something other than education.

#### 7.6 FY10 Budget Update

Dr. Tyrell thanked all the high school students for attending the School Committee meeting. She said that budget "A" is two million dollars less than needed in FY10 and budget "B" is \$800,000 less than needed for FY10. She noted that School Committee has not taken a formal vote on the FY10 budget.

Community members and student's commented and discussed the following:

- Cuts in school sports and activities
- Schools have improved so much
- What extracurricular activities will be cut
- Process for what athletics will be cut
- Cost of athletics and extracurricular activities
- Buses for athletics
- Concern for students getting into college
- Stimulus money
- Superintendent's contract

Kristen Evans explained that the Superintendent was evaluated properly. Dr. Tyrell's raise was based on her performance of the previous year. Stephanie Peters said she would discuss the upcoming Superintendent's evaluation process with Kevin Richardson.

#### 8.0 New Business Items

None

#### 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve policy FF – Honoring Individuals Within School Facilities for second reading.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 10.0 Old Business Items

##### 10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee Building Subcommittee

Catherine Bowes said that the Building Committee requested a joint meeting with the School Committee regarding the physical plant assessment report.

David Twombly, Director of Operations, explained that fifteen (15) trees would be removed from the Jacobs School during April school vacation. Twelve of the trees will be replanted throughout the Town. The other three trees will be replanted on the Jacobs School property. School Committee requested Mr. Twombly set up a meeting with the abutters of the Jacobs School property to discuss the new location of the trees.

- Budget Subcommittee  
None
- Athletic Subcommittee  
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee  
None
- Dedication of Rooms/School Areas Subcommittee  
None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

**Vote:** 3-0-1 (Stephanie Peters)

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

School Committee encouraged community members to email the Committee regarding budget ideas and concerns.

The next Community Outreach Forum is scheduled for Monday April 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Hull High School in the second floor exhibition room.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Marianne Harte     **Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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