

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Richardson, Chair
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair
Marianne Harte, Secretary
Catherine Bowes, Member
Kristen Evans, 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 7:04 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
Kevin Richardson requested moving Item 8.0 New Business before Item 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items.
Motion: Kristen Evans **Second:** Catherine Bowes
Moved to approve agenda with change
Vote: 5-0-0
- 8.0 New Business
Dr. Tyrell introduced Mr. Michael Devine as the new high school principal. She said that Mr. Devine is the Assistant Principal and was the Dean of Students at Norwell High School during the past six years. Prior to working in Norwell Public Schools, he was a history teacher at Hanover High School. Mr. Devine thanked the School Committee and Dr. Tyrell for the opportunity to work in Hull. He said he is looking forward to working with Jonathan Ford, Hull High School Principal and Alynn Coppock, Assistant Principal, for a smooth transition at Hull High School. Dr. Tyrell thanked the Interview Committee and Visiting Team for all the help in selecting the new high school principal.
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Casey Leeber, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
o Girls' and boys' basketball teams

- Senior acceptance letters to colleges
- The musical *Mame* will be performed by the Hull High Theatre Arts on March 13 and 14, 2009

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, thanked:

- School Committee for meeting with all staff regarding budget concerns
- Rosemary Walper and Gregory Fallon for reviewing the HTA seniority list

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Monday, January 26, 2009 School Committee minutes as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Coordinated Program Review Update – Ms. Judith Kuehn and Dr. Joy Turpie

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services presented the following information:

- Coordinated program review cycle
- What programs are reviewed
- Where are we in the process
- English learner education student record reviews
- Special education student record reviews
- Career vocational technical education
- Onsite activities
- Convergence of evidence model
- Timeline

School Committee thanked Dr. Turpie and Ms. Kuehn for their presentation.

7.2 FY10 Budget Discussion

Kevin Richardson expressed his concern regarding budget reductions and possible add backs to the FY10 budget. He said that School Committee does not take this situation lightly and he requested community members to continue to contact School Committee with ideas.

Dr. Tyrell presented and discussed the following FY10 budget information:

- Number of positions that have been cut in the last two years
- Level funded budget proposal
- Possible budget reductions/eliminations
- Possible add backs with debt exclusion
- Eliminations not restored with debt exclusion

Community members inquired about and discussed the following:

- Items added back into the budget
- Technical assistance salaries
- Central office staff
- NEASC (high school accreditation)
- Organization fees
- Lunch monitors

- Health insurance

School Committee requested a breakdown of high school dues and fees.

8.0 New Business Items

Kristen Evens thanked the Jacobs School teachers that presented at the January 26th School Committee meeting. She said the presentations were informative and quite impressive.

Kristen Evans clarified information discussed at the January 26th community forum regarding the cost of professional development.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

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

Moved to approve policy JIE – Availability of In-School Program For Pregnant Students for third reading/adoption.

Vote: 5-0-0

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

Moved to approve policy BGE Policy Dissemination for second reading

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee Budget Subcommittee
None
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Athletic Subcommittee
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee
None
- Dedication of Rooms/School Areas Subcommittee
A new policy regarding dedicating rooms/school areas will be brought to a School Committee meeting in March.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters commented on:

- Public perception in the Hull Schools
- School buildings are being used by the community

13.0 Executive Session

None

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14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0