

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 7:38 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 graduation (new business) to after Item 6.0 approval of minutes
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Moved to approve agenda with change
Vote: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Edward Cameron, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
○ Mid-terms at the high school were held during the week of January 26
○ Marking term ends January 30th
○ Boy's basketball record is 10 – 3
○ Girls' basketball record is 7-4
○ 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
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Marianne Harte
Moved to approve the Monday, January 12, 2009 School Committee minutes as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

High School Graduation

Kevin Richardson said he had received telephone calls and emails regarding the high school graduation ceremony being held at the South Shore Music Circus as it has been during the last couple of years. After discussion by School Committee the following motion was made:

Motion: Kevin Richardson Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve Hull High School graduation held at the South Shore Music Circus. The senior class will need to cover the cost should a difference occur between the budgeted amount for graduation and the cost to rent the Music Circus.

Vote: 5-0-0

School Committee requested a high school administrator to contact the South Shore Music Circus regarding cost to rent the Music Circus for graduation. Also requested was to look into a guaranteed cost if a long-term commitment was made to hold future graduations at the South Shore Music Circus for the next four – five years.

7.1 Strategy Instruction – Ms. Marcia Uretsky

Marcia Uretsky, Jacobs School Literacy Coach, discussed the following:

- Assessments
- What we have learned
- Developed school-wide goals
- Increase reading engagement
- One Book, One School, Many Ideas
- MCAS after-school tutorial
- Professional learning community

Title One Jacobs School teachers Mary Ellen Moran and Jill Howley, discussed:

- Reading support services
- Direct services
- Assessments

Grade one Jacobs School teachers Emily Rosado and Kathryn Fone discussed:

- Strategy instruction
- Focus Lessons
- Grade one schema (background knowledge)
- Writers' workshop
- Now working on....

Grade two Jacobs School teachers Janet Donato and Mary Henriksen, presented information on the following areas:

- Readers' Workshop
- Teacher directed – student-teacher – independent reading
- Strategy instruction
- Benefits of strategy instruction

Grade three Jacobs School teachers Eileen Struzziery and Ann Gilbert presented the following:

- Strategy instruction
- Readers' workshop
- Reading conferences provide time for 1-1 instruction

Grade four Jacobs School teachers Christine Doyle and Nicole Keiley presented the

following:

- Reading workshop structure
- Classroom libraries
- Writing
- Writers workshop
- Traditional literature unit of study

Grade five Jacobs School teachers Cheryl Kenney and Nancy Mellyn presented the following:

- Instruction
- What we see with students

Jacobs School mathematics coach Doreen Jones discussed:

- Math literacy
- Math and reading connections
- Literate thinking in math
- Literature connections in mathematics

Jacobs School special education teacher Maryellen Murray presented information on

- Clinical specialized component to literacy instruction
- Orton Gillingham instruction

Donna Tobin, Jacobs School Principal, invited School Committee to the Jacobs School museum night on February 3, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Marcia Uretsky responded to questions from School Committee. The Committee and Superintendent thanked the Jacobs School teachers for an informative presentation.

7.2 FY10 Budget Discussion

School Committee and Superintendent:

- Stated that a Joint School Council meeting was held on January 26th at 4:00 p.m. Budget concerns were discussed.
- Noted that the Board of Selectmen meeting on January 27th will be moving forward on a debt exclusion vote
- Discussion on what will be put back in the FY10 budget at the next School Committee meeting
- Discussed the effect the lottery aid cuts will have on the schools
- Reorganization of central office staff

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

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

Moved to approve the following policies:

- Policy JIE Availability of In-School Program for Pregnant Students – second reading
- Policy BGE Policy Dissemination – first 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
None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Catherine Bowes suggested placing regular articles in the Hull Times regarding school programs, mandates, etc. She also said how impressed she was with the third Wednesday recital on January 21st.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining of union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

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