

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 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 7:10 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: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Emily Carroll, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
 - o Fall sports had a successful year
 - o Winter sports are having a great start
 - o *The musical Mame* will be performed by the Hull High Theatre Arts on March 12, 13, 2009
 - o College acceptances are being received by seniors
 - o National Honor Society is having a food and clothing drive for Wellspring
 - o Junior/senior semi formal is Saturday, January 17, 2009
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, said that the HTA is willing to participate in conversation regarding the GIC insurance.
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:
 - o Monday, October 14, 2008 Community Outreach Forum as presented

- Monday, November 24, 2008 Community Outreach Forum as presented
- Monday, December 8, 2008 School Committee meeting as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award

Dr. Tyrell said she was very pleased to present the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents award to Melissa Striglio. The criteria for the selection of a high school senior receiving this award includes class standing, cumulative average, class rank and leadership. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Striglio.

7.2 FY10 Budget Discussion

School Committee and Superintendent:

- Discussed scheduling a FY10 budget community forum
 - Urged parents, students, and community members to come to budget meetings and ask questions
 - Encouraged community members to check the Board of Selectmen website which includes different budget
 - Explained school construction funding
 - Stated that budget FAQs are available to the public
 - Explained about debt exclusion and proposition 2 ½ override
 - Discussed Special Town Meeting options
 - Noted that students and teachers may leave the system
 - Stated that future School Committee agendas will include a budget discussion
 - Discussed a possible community survey on FY10 budget
 - Suggested Community members subscribe to receive emails of postings of meetings
 - Will continually inform voters about the FY10 budget

School Committee requested:

- Posting an FY10 budget community forum for January 26, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Changing the regular January 26, 2009 school committee meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Advertising the FY10 budget community forum via:
 - The Hull Times
 - Town website
 - Channel 22
 - Weekly blue notes
 - Possibly utilizing the alumni Hull High School database

Community members discussed / requested update on:

- User fees
- Transportation fees

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policy for first reading:

- Policy JIE Availability of In-School Program for Pregnant Students

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

Catherine Bowes requested information on Chartwells. Dr. Tyrell said she would meet with members of Chartwells and share the projected food service costs at a future School Committee meeting.

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters encouraged community members to attend the January 26, 2009 community forum. She also reported on the Garden Club door decorating contest.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0