

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Richardson, Chair
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (absent)
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 7:06 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 6.0 Approval of Minutes after Item 11.0 Approval of Warrants.
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Marianne Harte
Moved to approve agenda with change
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
None
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, noted the following:
o Hull schools are accepting donations for Wellspring
o PTO cookbooks are on sale
o The next parent forum is scheduled for Saturday, December 20, 2008 at the Clarion Hotel from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.
- 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent
7.1 Chapter 70 discussion – Mr. Jeff Wulfson, Associate Commissioner of Education and Representative Garrett Bradley

Mr. Jeff Wulfson, Associate Commissioner of Education presented the following information regarding Chapter 70 funding:

- State funding for local school districts
- Chapter 70 - four basic steps
 - Foundation budget
 - Required local contribution
 - Apportionment
 - State aid calculation
- Foundation budget inputs
 - Enrollment
 - Student demographics
 - Regional wage levels
 - Inflation
- FY09 Chapter 70 foundation budget
- Required local contribution
 - “Aggregate wealth” model adopted in FY07
 - Establishes target local share and target aid share for each city and town
 - Five year transition to new model
- Hull Chapter 70 summary
 - FY08 - \$3,823,493
 - FY09 - \$3,891,843
- Proposals for increased state K-12 spending – FY10 and beyond
 - Updated foundation budget
 - Increased state share of foundation budget
 - Expanded funding for pre-school programs, full-day kindergarten, longer school days and school years
 - Special education transportation reimbursement
 - Increased state share of charter school funding
 - Unfunded liability for retiree health insurance costs
 - SBA sales tax phase-in
 - Rainy day fund contributions

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:

- Policy JIA Student Due Process Rights
- Policy JII Student Complaints and Grievances

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee Budget Subcommittee
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Athletic Subcommittee
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee
None

- Dedication of Rooms/School Areas Subcommittee
The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2008 at the Office of the Superintendent, 180 Harborview Road.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

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

Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:

November 24, 2008 School Committee minutes with the following change

- o Change **ballet** to *ballot* in the third paragraph on page 3.

November 24, 2008 School Committee Executive Session minutes as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Kristen Evans requested a copy of Mr. Wulfson's presentation be placed on the Town Website.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:38 p.m.