

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

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
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 7:02 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
Kimberly Striglio, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
 - Spirit week
 - Football rally is on Wednesday, November 26, 2008
 - Thanksgiving football game will be played in Cohasset
 - Significant improvement in fall sports
 - School play *Once Upon a Mattress* – December 12–13, 2008
 - High School alumni concert on December 17, 2008
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes as presented:
 - Tuesday, October 14, 2008 Executive Session
 - Monday, October 27, 2008 Executive Session
 - Monday, November 10, 2008 Dedication of Room/School Areas

- Monday, November 10, 2008 School Committee meeting
- Monday, November 17, 2009 Budget Workshop
- Wednesday, November 19, 2008 Paraprofessional Negotiations

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Music Trip – Mr. Mark Taylor

Mr. Mark Taylor, Jacobs School Music Teacher, requested permission to attend the annual Musical Carousel Festival on June 6, 2008 in Salem, NH. Students in grades five through twelve will participate in vocal or instrumental performances at this Musical Carousel Festival. Music ensembles will perform for an adjudication panel and will receive a written and taped evaluation of each performance.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the Musical Carousel Festival trip on June 6, 2009 in Salem NH.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Senior Class Trip – Ms. Patricia Canniff

Ms. Patricia Canniff, Senior Class Advisor introduced Ms. Brianna Duhaime, Senior Class President. Ms. Duhaime discussed and requested permission for members of the senior class to go to Williamsburg, Virginia on April 16 – 19, 2009. Senior Class Executive Board members John Caparrotta, Ana Bottary, Tyler Pari, Michael Petrocelli, Clark Berger and Alex Feo were also in attendance at the meeting.

Catherine Bowes requested High School Principal Jonathan Ford to communicate with parents of students who will be ineligible to go on the senior class trip.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the senior class trip to Williamsburg, Virginia on April 16 – 19, 2009.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.3 FY10 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell reviewed budget information she had presented at the November 18, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting as follows:

- Recent Hull Public Schools achievements
- State and federal mandates
- Staff reductions in the past two years
- Other reductions/cost cutting measures
- Special education mandates
- Potential staff reductions
- Effects of reductions
- Other reductions
- Mission statement

School Committee discussed:

- Joint meeting with Board of Selectmen
- Requirements for a special town meeting
- Public forums

- Priorities of the community
- Properly educate community on the effects of budget cuts
- Special town meeting
- Strong commitment to students

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to request Chairman Kevin Richardson to communicate to Joan Meschino, Board of Selectmen Chair, the interest of the School Committee of expediting the process of a special town meeting, putting together the costs, looking at the numbers, what the feasibility would be and whatever timelines required by law.

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Tyrell noted that the Board of Selectmen has already voted unanimously to put a question on the ballot for debt exclusion or proposition 2½ override or a combination of both.

Catherine Bowes requested Dr. Tyrell put together a projected budget for the next three - five years, in order for the School Committee to plan appropriately for the future.

7.4 Rescheduling of December School Committee Meeting

Dr. Tyrell noted that the December 15, 2008 School Committee meeting has been rescheduled to December 8, 2008. This will allow Mr. Jeffrey Wulfson, Associate Director, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Representative Garrett Bradley to attend the School Committee meeting and discuss Chapter 70 money.

8.0 New Business Items

David Twombly, Director of Operations, explained that South Shore Energy Consortium, which is made up of several school districts and municipalities is looking into locking in the cost of natural gas prices for the next twenty-four months. Hull Public Schools is a member of the South Shore Energy Consortium and this reduction could result in a 4% to a 5% savings.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to authorize David Twombly, Director of Operations to sign the agreement and lock in the price of natural gas with the South Shore Energy Consortium.

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading:

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

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee Budget Subcommittee

Dr. Tyrell thanked the Building Committee for purchasing library books at the Jacobs School.

- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Athletic Subcommittee
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee
None
- Dedication of Rooms/School Areas Subcommittee
The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2008.

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

The Community Forum held prior to the School Committee meeting included eighteen parents. Parents voiced concern regarding lack of teachers using the library / computer laboratory at the Memorial School. Stephanie Peters noted that she had visited the Memorial School and she did see teachers using the computer lab and library.

Stephanie Peters, Liaison to the Hull Garden Club, said that the garden club would be sponsoring a door-decorating contest at the Jacobs School and Memorial School on December 17 - 18, 2008. High School students would be judges for the contest on December 19, 2008

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

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