

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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
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 7:05 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
Kyle Wholey, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
- Financial aid seminar – November 12, 2008
 - Senior assembly – November 12, 2008
 - School play *Once Upon a Mattress* – December 12–13, 2008
 - Sports
 - Cross country
 - Boys and girls soccer
 - Field hockey
 - Football
 - Cheerleading
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
Deborah McCarthy, HTA President,
- Recognized and praised all veterans
 - Thanked
 - Volunteers that helped with the fifth grade mock presidential elections
 - PTO for purchasing supplies for the mock election
 - School Committee for meeting with HTA to discuss budget concerns

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, July 7, 2008 School Committee Retreat as presented
- Monday, September 15, 2008 School Committee meeting as presented
- Monday, September 15, 2008 School Committee Executive Session (6:00 p.m.) as presented
- Monday, September 15, 2008 School Committee Executive Session (after regular meeting) as presented
- Wednesday, October 8, 2008 Paraprofessional Negotiations as presented
- Thursday, October 9, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented
- Wednesday, October 22, 2008 Nurses Negotiations as presented
- Thursday, October 23, 2008 School Secretaries Negotiations as presented
- Monday, October 27, 2008 School Committee meeting with the following change:
 - Change the word *Peterson* to **Richardson** on page two
 - Monday, November 3, 2008 Nurses Negotiations as presented
 - Monday, November 3, 2008 Budget Workshop as presented
 - Monday, November 3, 2008 Executive Session as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 International Studies Class Trip – Mr. Timothy MacKenzie

Mr. Timothy MacKenzie, High School Social Studies Teacher, Brianna Duhaime, Michael Hanks, and Samantha Kenney, High School Students discussed the following:

- Requested permission for the International Studies Class to travel to El Salvador from April 5 through April 12, 2009 to work with Habitat for Humanities
- Presented information on past experience traveling to El Salvador and building houses with Habitat for Humanities
- Discussed the earthquake destruction and working with other volunteers in El Salvador
- Explained student involvement in the International Study Group

7.2 South Coastal Workforce Investment Board Grant – Dr. Joy Turpie

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. James Quatromoni, Athletic Director, explained the purpose of the grant would be to enable low-income, at-risk students to gain skills to better equip them to enter the workforce. The two components of the program would include academics and in-house plant maintenance. The desired outcome would be to develop a more readily employable young person.

7.3 John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

Twenty-five Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Scholarship. Students scored in the top twenty-five percent of the MCAS scores for the district. Students receiving this scholarship will receive free tuition at the University of Massachusetts or any state college. Dr. Tyrell read the following students names receiving this scholarship:

Catherine Ashley
Rebecca Bender
Jacob Bennett
Clark Berger
Sean Blackall
Emily Carroll
Melanie Coash

Brianna Duhaime
Bradley Dunstan
Alexander Feo
Jay Gibbons
Samantha Kenney
Casey Leeber
James Llewellyn
Justin Lortie
Meagan Maynard
Siobhan McGowan
Jacob Moisan
Patrick O'Loughlin
Denna Panetta
Michael Petrocelli
Alicia Rooney
Fatjon Ruseni
Melissa Striglio
Lauren Tierney

7.4 MASC Resolutions

After discussion, the Committee decided to have Mr. Kevin Richardson, School Committee delegate vote affirmatively on all resolutions at the MASC conference on November 19, 2008.

7.5 School Budget FAQs

Dr. Tyrell discussed the following items:

- Budget process
- Difficulty in comparing towns
- Allocation of school budget
- State aid
- Trends of school budget over the last five years
- Budget expenses
- Reductions in FY09 budget
- Budget revenue
- FAQs will be placed on the Town Website

Kristen Evans requested hard copies of FAQs be distributed to the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board, town library, school offices and town hall.

7.6 FY10 Budget Discussion

School Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on November 18, 2008. The Town Manager will be discussing the municipal budget at that meeting. Town departments could be asked to cut up to fifteen percent in the FY10 budget.

Kevin Richardson requested posting a joint meeting between School Committee and Board of Selectmen for Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell,

- Thanked high school staff for a great job on the eighth grade open house.
- Noted high school seniors are putting together a television production for a "trip down memory lane."

- Endorsed parent meeting that will be held on November 15, 2008 regarding parent involvement in the schools.

Stephanie Peters inquired about Mr. Jeffrey Wulfson, DOE, attending a school committee meeting to discuss Chapter 70 money. Dr. Tyrell responded that possibly Mr. Wulfson would be attending the next school committee meeting.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

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

Moved to approve the following policies for first 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

The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The Dedication of Rooms/School Area Committee met at 5:30 p.m. on November 10, 2008. The Committee discussed:

- Current school committee policies
- Looking at policies in other school districts
- Taking inventory on areas that have already been dedicated in school buildings.

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

None

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

Request for Mr. Michael Berkey, Food Service Manager to make a presentation on school lunch program at a future meeting.

The next Community Outreach Forum will take place on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

HASC tickets are still available for the November 13, 2008 fundraiser.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0