

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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  
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Kevin Richardson at 7:08 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:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Catherine Bowes  
Moved to approve agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative  
None
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report  
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Moved to approve the October 14, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent
  - 7.1 Question One on the November 2008 Ballot  
Dr. Kathleen Tyrell asked the committee to oppose question one and urge a NO vote. Dr. Tyrell presented information on Question One and Hull's FY09 Cherry Sheet. She stated that right now Hull's total estimated receipts for fiscal year 2009 is \$6,811,246 but if the law is implemented the total would be reduced to \$0.  
Committee members added:
    - 96% of state aid would be cut to schools
    - More reductions in DCR, State Police, Plowing, both state and local services
    - A yes vote would impact everyone, including police, fire, highway, etc.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved that the Hull School Committee opposes Question 1, a ballot initiative that would eliminate the state income tax. Passage of Question 1 would cut the state budget by 40%, cause massive reductions in local aid to cities and towns, and result in drastic reductions in school programs. The Committee urges the residents of Hull to vote NO on this ballot question.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

## 7.2 South Shore Charter School Enrollment

Dr. Tyrell gave committee members a six-year comparison of students attending the South Shore Charter School. She stated that the real comparison is from 2004 to current because those are the years that the Charter School was housed in Norwell. The comparison the number of children enrolled in the Charter School by year is as follows:

- 2004-05 there were 118 children enrolled
- 2005-06 there were 108 children enrolled
- 2006-07 there were 94 children enrolled
- 2007-08 there were 85 children enrolled
- 2008-09 there are 62 children enrolled

Dr. Tyrell told the committee that she believes the reasons for the return of children to Hull Public Schools is a reflection of the new schools, the academic programs currently in place and because people are more confident in the Hull Public School system.

## 7.3 Coordinated Program Review – Ms. Judith Kuehn

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services, discussed the Coordinated Program Review, which included the review of special education, civil rights, English Language Learners, and career/vocational education by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

## 7.4 Utilities Costs – Mr. David Twombly

Mr. Twombly presented an overview of utility costs and steps taken to reduce utility costs including:

- Using Utility Direct
- Preventative Maintenance contract
- Energy Star
- Our budget
- Savings at all three schools

## 8.0 New Business Items

None

## 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

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

Policy IHBG	Home Schooling
Policy IHBG-E	Application for Home Instruction (Also: LBC-E)
Policy IHBG-R	Home Schooling Regulations

**Vote:** 5-0-0

## 10.0 Old Business Items

### 10.1 Discussion of Dedication of Rooms/Areas of Schools

The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2008 at 5:30 pm. Dr. Tyrell will verify that all members are available before confirming this date.

10.2 Subcommittee Updates

- Building Committee Budget Subcommittee

Kevin Richardson thanked everyone who attended the dedication, especially Representative Garrett Bradley, Senator Robert Hedlund and Catherine Kraven, Executive Director of MSBA. He also wanted to specifically thank Debbe Bennett for all her hard work getting things ready for the dedication. Dr. Tyrell added that the Building Committee authorized the purchase of books and a photo copier for the Jacobs School library. Kevin Richardson thanked the members of the Building Committee for those purchases.

- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Athletic Subcommittee

None

- Negotiations Subcommittee

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Catherine Bowes informed the committee that the next Community Forum is scheduled for November 24, 2008. She will finalize the subject of the forum at the November 10, 2008 School Committee meeting.

Stephanie Peters told the committee that Representative, Garrett Bradley sent her the analysis for local aid budgets and that Hull is budgeted below fiscal year 2002. Kevin Richardson will contact Jeff Wolfson, MA. DOE's Commissioner of Education, who will come to a Hull School Committee meeting to explain.

Stephanie Peters informed the committee that there is a new Hull Parent Group that is planning on meeting with Representative, Garrett Bradley on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 6:00 pm. at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining of union and non union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

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