

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Richardson, Chair  
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair  
Marianne Harte, Secretary  
Catherine Bowes, Member  
Kristen Evans, Member (left at 8:25 p.m.)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent  
Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent  
Maria Hortaridis, Director of Finance  
David Twombly, Director of Operations  
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator  
Maureen Robishaw, Superintendent Secretary

- 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:** Catherine Bowes                      **Second:** Kristen Evans  
Moved to approve agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative  
Casey Leeber, Principal Advisory Committee Member, reported on the following areas:
- Hull High School Sports
  - School play *Once Upon a Mattress* on December 12 and 13, 2008
  - Fine Arts Theatre program are selling Hull flags for \$30
  - Homecoming program is scheduled for Friday, October 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 July 10, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 3-0-2 (Kristen Evans and Marianne Harte)
- Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Kevin Richardson  
Moved to approve the September 5, 2008 School Committee Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the September 15, 2008 School Committee minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 New England Theatre Conference – Mr. Joseph Doniger

Mr. Joseph Doniger, Theatre Director, requested permission to bring theatre arts students to attend the New England Theatre Conference on November 21 – 23, 2008 in Warwick, Rhode Island.

**Motion:** Kristen Evans

**Second:** Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve attendance at the New England Conference on November 21 –23, 2008 in Warwick, Rhode Island.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.2 Broadway 2009 – Mr. Joseph Doniger

Mr. Doniger also stated that the Fine Arts Theatre program would like to attend the annual Broadway weekend in New York City on May 15-17, 2009.

**Motion:** Catherine Bows

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve Theatre Arts students attend Broadway 2009 in New York City on May 15-17, 2009.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.3 Strategies Courses – Ms. Jennifer Reardon, Ms. Marcia Uretsky and Ms. Heather Hughes  
Ms. Marcia Uretsky, Reading/ELA Coach, presented the following information on Explicit Strategy Instruction:

- Why strategy instruction
- Now we know
- What does the research say about improving reading achievement
- Enhance useful strategy instruction
- Explicitly teaching invisible strategies
- Comprehension strategies proficient readers use
- Becoming metacognitive of our own strategy
- Explicitly teaching invisible strategies
- Focus lesson structure for explicit teaching
- Reading process

Ms. Jennifer Reardon, Memorial Middle School Reading Teacher and Ms. Heather Hughes, Memorial Middle School Science Teacher, discussed the following reading/writing strategies:

- Comprehension strategies
- Proficient readers use
- Monitor comprehension
- Activate and connect
- Ask questions
- Examples of texts
- Effective comprehension instruction

7.4 Reading Data – Ms. Marcia Uretsky

Ms. Marcia Uretsky, Reading/ELA Coach, discussed how teachers are using data from the Developmental Reading Assessment, MCAS, and Terra Nova to identify student strengths and weaknesses. She provided data from grade three (3) students to explain the usefulness when making instructional decisions.

7.5 Out-of-School Time Quality Grant

Dr. Tyrell announced that Hull Public Schools received \$93,700 for the After-School and Out-of School Time Quality Grant. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received two hundred and thirteen (213) proposals from public schools, non-public schools, and community-based organizations across the state. Only 67 proposals were chosen for funding.

7.6 Advanced Placement Scores – Dr. Joy Turpie and Mr. Jonathan Ford

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Jonathan Ford, Hull High School Principal, presented Advanced Placement scores for English Literature, English Language, United States History, European History, Calculus AB, Spanish Language, and Environmental Science.

7.7 MCAS Scores – Dr. Joy Turpie

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Joy Turpie presented the following MCAS information:

- Test given
  - ELA – grades 3 - 8 and grade 10
  - Math – grades 3 - 8 and grade 10
  - Science and Technology – grades 5, 8, and 10
- Percent of students in advanced and proficient
  - Grade 3: ELA 65 %, Math 74%
  - Grade 4: ELA 52%, Math 56%
  - Grade 5: ELA 52%, Math 53%, Science 37%
  - Grade 6: ELA 71%, Math 66%
  - Grade 7: ELA 67%, Math 49%
  - Grade 8: ELA 79%, Math 53 %, Science 48%
  - Grade 10: ELA 84%, Math 75%, Science 82%
- Class of 2010 scores in all areas
- Future improvements

7.8 FY07 and FY08 Elimination of Positions – Review

Dr. Tyrell reviewed the 18.7 positions that have been cut over the past two years. The following is a list of those positions:

- Reductions in FY08 positions:
  - .5 District Community Learning Facilitator
  - 1.0 Elementary Teacher
  - 1.0 Middle School Teacher
  - 1.0 Middle School Mathematics Teacher
  - .8 High School Teacher
  - 2.9 Paraprofessionals
  - 7.2 Total Reductions
- Reduction in Positions FY09
  - 1.0 District Attendance Officer
  - 1.0 Kindergarten Teacher
  - 1.0 Elementary Teacher
  - .33 Elementary Librarian

- .5 Elementary Custodian
- .67 Middle School Librarian
- 1.0 Middle School Special Education Teacher
- 1.0 Middle School Technology Teacher
- 1.0 Middle School Foreign Language Teacher
- .5 High School Custodian
- 1.0 High School Art Teacher
- 1.0 High School Industrial Arts Teacher
- 1.0 High School Secretary
- 12.0 Total Reductions
- Position Added
- .5 Kindergarten Paraprofessional
- .5 Total Additions
- 11.5 Net Reductions

Dr. Tyrell suggested the school committee have a discussion of Question One on the State Ballot at the next school committee agenda.

#### 7.9 Kindergarten through Grade Eight Class Sizes

Dr. Tyrell presented the average class size in kindergarten through grade eight stating that class sizes are larger than in the past. Student enrollment has increased by twenty-six students from October 2007 to October 2008. She said she would present the Charter School enrollment at the next meeting.

#### 7.10 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell read the District 2008 – 2009 Goals (see attached). She said that the district goals have been discussed and endorsed by school administrators.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to endorse 2008 – 2009 District Goals.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

School Committee requested placing the District Goals on the town Website.

#### 7.11 MASC / MASS Joint Conference Delegate

The Chairman will select a delegate.

#### 8.0 New Business

L.M. Jacobs School rededication will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Following the rededication a reception and tour of the school will take place.

Hull High School will sponsor an open house for all eighth grade students and parents on October 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The Special Education Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Memorial Middle School.

#### 9.0 School Committee Policies

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

Moved to approve the following policies for second reading:

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

**Vote:** 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

○ Building Committee

Request for superintendent to rename the school building naming committee

The dedication for the Jacobs School Art Wing in memory of Donaldina Gately will take place in the Spring of 2009.

○ Budget Subcommittee

None

○ Athletic Subcommittee

○ Negotiations

Negotiations with school nurses are scheduled for October 22, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

School secretarial negotiations will take place on Thursday, October 23, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

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

None

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with union and non-union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

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