

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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  
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator  
Maureen Robishaw, Superintendent Secretary

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Richardson at 7:10 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 7.1 Legislative Update – Representative Garret Bradley after Item 2.0 Approval of Agenda.

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve agenda with change

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.1 Legislative Update – Representative Garrett Bradley

Representative Garrett Bradley discussed the following items:

- State budget
- Chapter 70
- Lottery aid
- Additional assistance to cities and towns
- SPA program
- Recent changes to state laws
- Student drop-out prevention
- Budget deficit
- Revenue dollars
- Question one on the November 2008 ballot

Representative Bradley responded to questions from School Committee

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, on behalf of the HTA:

- Welcomed back all staff for the 2008 – 2009 school year
- Commended HTA volunteers
- Thanked the O'Brien family for sponsoring the new teacher luncheon on August 26, 2008

6.0 Approval of Minutes

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

Moved to approve the August 18, 2009 School Committee minutes as presented.

**Vote:** 3-0-2 (Kristen Evans and Marianne Harte)

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.2 School Opening Update

Dr. Tyrell reported the school opening went very well. She discussed the new teacher orientation. Thanked the O'Brien Family for sponsoring the new teacher luncheon, Robert and Catherine Belyea for donating the bus, and John Galluzzo for discussing the history of Hull. Dr. Tyrell explained the number of students shifting in certain grades and said that official enrollment figures would be available on October 1, 2008.

7.3 South Shore Collaborative Update

Dr. Tyrell updated the Committee on South Shore Educational Collaborative program as follows:

- Twenty eight students are enrolled in the program
- Six of the students are Hull residents
- Four classrooms at Jacobs School
- One classroom at Memorial School
- Savings on tuition and transportation

7.4 Transfer of FY08 Line Accounts – Ms. Maria Hortaridis

Dr. Tyrell requested the Committees approval regarding money that needs to be transferred from one line item account to another line item in the FY08 budget.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to approve FY08 line item budget transfers.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.5 Boston Magazine Article

Dr. Tyrell stated that in the September 2008 issue of Boston Magazine, Hull High School was named as one of the fifty (50) best public high schools in 2008. She congratulated the entire school district.

7.6 Preliminary FY10 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell presented a preliminary overview of a level services FY10 budget. She discussed the following budget areas:

- Town Wide Planning Committee
- Costs to maintain the school system in FY10
- Six percent increase to continue current services in FY10
- Preliminary look at increases in student enrollment in preschool
- Possible cuts of ten (10) to fifteen (15) percent in town department budgets
- Eighteen school positions have been cut in the last two years

Dr. Tyrell said she would discuss the eighteen specific positions at the next School Committee meeting.

7.7 Discussion of Dedication of Rooms/Areas of Schools

Dr. Tyrell said an advertisement for volunteers to serve on the dedication of rooms/areas committee has been placed in the last two issues of the Hull Times. She requested interested volunteers to contact her.

Dr. Tyrell thanked the PTO, especially Lisa Canavan for the cookbook they created.

Dr. Tyrell congratulated Marcia Uretsky, Memorial School Teacher, on the publication of her new book *Fourth Grade Readers: Units of Study to Help Students Internalize and Apply Strategies*.

On October 9, 2008 the School Committee will tour each of the schools. Dr. Tyrell will work out particulars with the Committee.

8.0 New Business

Kevin Richardson said the rededication of the L.M. Jacobs School would take place on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

Stephanie Peters suggested having an open house at all three schools. Dr. Tyrell said she would get back to the Committee with some dates.

9.0 School Committee Policies

**Motion:** Catherine Bowes

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading with the following changes

Policy IHBG Home Schooling

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

- o Change the letter “s” to the letter “c” in the word supersedes in the first paragraph on page one

Policy IHBG-R Home Schooling Regulations

- o Change all semicolons to colons on page three.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

Stephanie Peters reported that the Financial Planning Committee developed a report with two different scenarios to present to the Board of Selectmen. The next meeting of the Financial Planning Committee is scheduled for September 23, 2008.

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- o Building Committee

The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008 at Town Hall.

- o Budget Subcommittee

None

- o Athletic Subcommittee

Kevin Richardson said he had spoken to James Quatromoni, Athletic Director about reinstating the Athletic Subcommittee.

- o Negotiations

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**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 next Community Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor exhibition room at Hull High School.

Kristen Evans thanked everyone who participated in the Nantasket road race. She said the race was a great success.

Stephanie Peters requested each principal give an overview of the professional development that will be offered to teachers on September 16, 2008.

Donna Tobin, Jacobs School Principal reported:  
Strategy instruction on literacy

Lynda Feeney, Memorial School Principal reported:

- Reading/writing strategies
- Writing across the curriculum
- Content curriculum work
- Updating curriculum maps
- Assessment with rubrics

Jonathan Ford, Hull High School Principal reported:

- Writing assessment program
- Target assessment for students
- Finalize assessment tools

Stephanie Peters requested a presentation on utilities at a future meeting.

Kevin Richardson thanked and read the names of the volunteers who reconstructed the high school field.

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with union personnel and not to return to Open Session.

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