

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stephanie Peters, Chair (present)
Catherine Bowes, Vice Chair (present)
Marianne Harte, Secretary (present)
Kristen Evans, Member (absent)
Kevin Richardson, Member (present)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent
Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator
Maureen Robishaw, Superintendent Secretary

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:00 p.m. at Hull High School 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: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Mikia Manley, Student Representative, reported on the following:
- Auditions for *Guys and Dolls* are presently taking place at Hull High School
 - Midterms will be taking place next week at the high school
 - Basketball season is going well
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Marianne Harte
Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:
Thursday, December 3, 2009 Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented
Monday, December 7, 2009 School Committee minutes as presented
Monday, December 7, 2009 Executive Session minutes as presented
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 School Committee minutes as presented
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 Paraprofessional Negotiations as presented
Thursday, December 17, 2009 Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented
Wednesday, December 23, 2009 Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented
Monday, January 4, 2010 Budget Subcommittee minutes as presented
Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Long-Term Space Needs Update

Dr. Tyrell said that the Long-term Space Needs Committee has met three times since November 2009. The Committee has discussed past, present and future space needs.

7.2 Coordinated Program Review Update

Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services, reviewed the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Final Coordinated Program Review Report. She summarized the status areas for special education, civil rights, English Language Learners, and career/vocational education for commendable as well as for the requirements found to be less than fully implemented. Ms Kuehn also presented information on the corrective action plan that will be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Ms. Kuehn responded to questions from School Committee.

7.3 DESE Student Growth Model

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following information on DESE Student Growth Model:

- What is a student growth percentile
- Achievement vs. growth
- Understanding percentiles
- Rules of thumb
- Median growth percentiles
- 2009 MCAS all grades:
 - Mathematics
 - English Language Arts
- Analyzing student growth percentiles

Dr. Turpie responded to questions from School Committee.

7.4 Race to the Top

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell explained that Race to the Top is part of the federal stimulus money. Massachusetts could receive \$250 million dollars over four years and must submit a grant application to the federal government to apply for the funds. Cities and towns must submit a Memorandum of Understanding to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education signed by the School Committee Chair, Superintendent of Schools, and President of the Teachers' Union in order to participate in receiving funds. Dr. Tyrell recommended supporting the Memorandum of Understanding. School Committee members voiced concern that the mandates might cost more than the dollars received. Dr. Tyrell said that communities could choose to opt out at a later date if the Committee decides to do so.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to sign both the Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement with concerns regarding mandates.

Vote: 4-0-0

8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Tyrell requested appointing Scott Sivo, High School Assistant Principal, as a school attendance officer. She said that at present Lynda Feeney, Memorial Middle School Principal is the only school attendance officer in Hull Public Schools.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to appoint Scott Sivo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, as an additional School Attendance Officer for the Hull Public Schools.

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading as presented:

BEDA	Notification Of School Committee Meetings
BEDDB	Agenda Format
BEDB-E	Sample Agenda
BEDC	Quorum
BEDD	Rules Of Order
BEDDA	Suspension Of Rules And Regulations
BEDF	Voting Method
BEDG	Minutes
BEDH	Public Participation At School Committee Meetings
BEDJ	Broadcasting Of Meetings
BEE	Special Procedures for Conducting Hearings
BF	School Committee Workshops
BG	School Committee Policy Development
BGA	Policy Drafting
BGC	Policy Revision And Review
BGD	School Committee Review of Procedures (Also: CHB)
BGE	Policy Dissemination
BGF	Suspension Of Policies
BHC	School Committee / Staff Communications (Also: GBD)
BHE	Use Of Electronic Messaging By School Committee Members
BIA	New School Committee Member Orientation
BIB	Committee Member Development Opportunities
BID	School Committee Member Compensation And Expenses
BIE	School Committee Member Insurance
BJ	School Committee Legislative Program
BK	School Committee Memberships

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Athletic Committee
None
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Budget Strategy Review Committee

Stephanie Peters read the names of the Committee members. She publicly thanked each Committee member for the countless hours that were devoted to this Committee. Ms. Peters said that on January 12, 2010 there would be a joint meeting with the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board at which time the 21st Century Schools would be presented. Dr. Tyrell said that on January 12, 2010 the 21st Century School presentation would also be presented to the entire staff.

- Building Committee
None
- Long-Term Space Needs Committee
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee
The Subcommittee will be meeting with paraprofessionals on January 19, 2010.
- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee
None

Kevin Richardson inquired about the status of the Jacobs School Playground. Dr. Tyrell responded that the part of the playground used by the younger children is open, but the section reserved for the older children is still closed due to safety issues with the monkey bars.

Arthur Augenstern, Community Member, voiced his concerns about combining and closing schools. He urged the School Committee to fight to resist town pressures to turn the Memorial Middle School into anything other than a school.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$ 811.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts program
- \$1,048.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts program
- \$ 390.00 to be used for funding Hull Family Network
- \$ 30.00 to be used for funding Hull Family Network

Vote: 4-0-0

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

None

14.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: AYES: 4-0-0