

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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 7:04 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: 3-0-0

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 following School Committee minutes as presented:

- Thursday, January 7, 2010 School Budget Strategy Review Committee meeting

- Monday, January 11, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Monday, January 11, 2010 Executive Session
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Tuesday, January 19, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Tuesday, January 19, 2010 Paraprofessional Negotiations
- Friday, January 22, 2010 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Monday, January 25, 2010 Community Outreach Forum
- Monday, January 25, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Wednesday, February 3, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Wednesday, February 3, 2010 Hull Teachers Association Negotiations
- Monday, February 8, 2010 Budget Subcommittee

Vote: 3-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Field Trip – Mr. Mark Taylor

Mr. Mark Taylor, Jacobs School Music Teacher, requested permission to take students to represent Hull Public Schools at the Musical Carousel Festival on June 4, 2010 in Andover, MA and then go to Canobie Lake Park in Salem NH. Students will observe music ensembles from other schools in the Northeast as they perform and are adjudicated. Hull students will perform and be evaluated by the same panel of judges.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve the Musical Carousel Festival trip on June 4, 2010 in Andover MA and Salem NH.

Vote: 3-0-0

7.2 Hull High School Student Handbook – Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, requested the following change to the high school student handbook and district policy JH - Student Absences and Excuses: Credit for courses is awarded on a semester (half-year) basis. Any student who has six (6) total unexcused absences during a semester will be denied half of the stated credits for that course, unless the student earns back those days through their participation in a credit recovery program. After discussion the Committee tabled this item until the March 15, 2010 meeting when all Committee members would be present.

7.3 Curriculum Update – Dr. Joy Turpie

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the following five new courses offered at Hull High School:

- World Politics
 - Interests and perspectives of different countries
 - Problems of international organization
 - Current issues and events
- Exploratory Science
 - Laboratory course

- Emphasis on conducting experiments to learn about the environment
- Strategies for Learning
 - Students identified “at risk” and who need significant teacher support
 - Instruction in specific study strategies
- Foundation English
 - Students who have difficulty in traditional English classes
 - Focus on improving student skills in reading and writing
- Chorus
 - Students who wish to develop reading music and singing
 - Varied musical selections
 - Students required to perform in all concerts and other school events

8.0 New Business Items
None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues
None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

Stephanie Peters said the Committee would be meeting with the Advisory Board on March 3, 2010 as a follow-up meeting to the January 12, 2010 joint meeting.

- Athletic Committee
None
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Building Committee
None
- Long-Term Space Needs Committee
The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2010
- Negotiations Subcommittee
The next paraprofessional negotiation meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2010.
- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee
The Committee has presented a plan to the Board of Selectmen.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

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

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$3,212.50 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts program
- \$ 225.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts program
- \$1,670.50 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts program

Vote: 3-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Catherine Bowes asked if there are any procedures in the District regarding bullying. Dr. Tyrell responded that bullying was an agenda item for the Administrative Team meeting on February 25, 2010.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Vote: 3-0-0