

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Peters, Chair
Catherine Bowes, Vice Chair
Marianne Harte, Secretary
Kristen Evans, Member
Kevin Richardson, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:07 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: 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

Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes as presented:

- Tuesday, February 9 2010 School Committee meeting
- Friday, February 19, 2010 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Monday, February 22, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Monday, February 22, 2010 HTA Negotiations
- Monday, February 22, 2010 Community Outreach Forum
- Monday, February 22, 2010 School Committee meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Representative Garrett Bradley

Representative Bradley presented an update on the State budget, which he will put on his website for all to see. He discussed the following:

- 2011 will be a difficult financial year
- 2012 will be 2.4 billion less than 2011, which will make it even more difficult

- Local Aid is 28.2 billion but will need to cut 20 million
- Medicaid
- Under funded mandates
- Health insurance co pays

7.2 Proposed Sailing Activity – Mr. James Quatromoni

Mr. Quatromoni, Athletic Director and Community Outreach Coordinator presented a proposal to offer sailing at Hull High School as an activity within the Outreach Program. Mr. Michael Hebert of Sail Nantasket was in the audience to answer any questions. The program overview is as follows:

- Students from the South Shore Charter School, Cohasset High School and Hull High School will be permitted to participate
- Students must have experience, which they can gain in the summer at Hull Yacht Club
- There will be no activity fee at this time
- Sail Nantasket will provide boats
- Hull's Sailing Program will be administered by the Community Outreach Coordinator and recognized as an activity
- All accounting will be done by South Shore Charter School.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the Sail Nantasket program as an activity at Hull High School.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.3 Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, recommended a change to Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses to include the following paragraph:

Credit for courses is awarded on a semester (half-year) basis. Any student who has 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.

Mr. Devine would like this policy to be in place this school year. The School Committee waived the three readings of the policy by making a motion to suspend policy BG – School Committee Policy Development and Adoption first.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to suspend policy BG – School Committee Policy Development and Adoption

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following policy for first reading:

- Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Catherine Bowes

Moved to reinstate policy BG – School Committee Policy Development and Adoption

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Curriculum Update – Dr. Joy

Dr. Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following curriculum update for the Jacobs Elementary School and Memorial Middle School:

- L.M. Jacobs School

- Mathematics
 - Everyday Math – grades K-5
 - *FASTT* Math-grades 3-5
- Science: Pearson/Scott Foresman
 - Literacy-based concept development
 - Hands-on activities/experiments
- Social Studies
 - Current Events
 - Theme-based projects
 - *History Alive*
- Reading
 - Grade-appropriate text
 - Instructional-level text
 - Independent-level text
- Phonics
- Strategy Instruction
- Memorial Middle School
 - Curriculum Maps aligning with MA
 - Curriculum Frameworks
 - Science
 - Earth
 - Life
 - Physical
 - Social Studies
 - Regions and People
 - Ancient World
 - United States
 - Mathematics
 - Additional math teacher
 - Smaller classes
 - Classes focus on similar student needs
 - English Language Arts
 - Updated novels
 - Literature circles

7.5 2010-2011 School Calendar

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent, provided the School Committee a draft of the proposed school calendar for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Committee discussed whether or not to close school on Friday, September 3, 2010.

Motion: Kevin Richardson **Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to adjust 2010-2011 school calendar to have no school on Friday, September 3, 2010 and have the last day of school Monday, June 13, 2011.

Vote: AYES: Marianne Harte, Kevin Richardson, and Stephanie Peters

NAYS: Catherine Bowes and Kristen Evans

8.0 New Business Items

Marianne Harte was concerned that people fill out the 2010 Census, thinking the census results may affect money coming into schools.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson

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

- BEDA Notification of School Committee Meetings
- BEDB 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 Conduction Hearings
- BF School Committee Workshops
- BG School Committee Policy Development
- BGA Policy Revision and Review
- BGD School Committee Review of Procedures (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: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Athletic Committee

None

- Budget Subcommittee

None

- Building Committee

None

- Long-term Space Needs Committee

The Committee is reviewing enrollment projections and will give a thorough update and next steps in a presentation at the next School Committee meeting.

- Negotiations Subcommittee

Teacher negotiations is scheduled for March 18, 2010

Paraprofessional negotiations is scheduled for April 1, 2010

- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2010 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

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

Moved to accept the following donations:

\$836.08 to be used for funding Hull High Theatre Arts program

\$130.00 to be used for funding the Hull Family Network program

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Moved to approve school warrants as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters stated that Hull High School Theatre Arts will be presenting “Guys and Dolls” on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

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

Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies and not to return to Open Session.

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