

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 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
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator
Maureen Robishaw, Superintendent Secretary

- 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
Mikia Manley, Student Representative, reported on the following:
 - Hull Theatre Arts presented *Guys and Dolls* on March 19th and 20th
 - Spring sports
 - Senior college acceptances
 - Blood drive on April 5th
 - Eighteen students from Africa will be visiting Hull High School
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
None
- 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent
 - 7.1 Hull High School 21st Century Schools
Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the following information regarding the effects of 21st Century Schools at the high school:
 - Courses lost from 2004 – 2009
 - Courses lost in 2010
 - Reduction in staff since 2004
 - 2010 and on – if the override is successful
 - Additional staff
 - Internships
 - Graduation requirements

- Additional courses offerings
- Reduced class sizes
- Students will be more competitive in the college and job marketplace
- Fund athletics program at 75%
- Fund Theatre Arts program at 75%
- Fund co-curricular activities at 75%
- Offer late buses for after school co-curricular activities
- Interactive whiteboards
- Technology staff training
- Academic support and MCAS tutoring
- Athletic budget for FY10 and FY11
- Drama Program for FY10 and FY11
- College Board information

7.2 Long Term Space Needs Committee - Update

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools, discussed the following:

- Committee has met four times this school year
- Committee members consists of parents, school staff and community member
- The charge of the Committee is to determine if the school department can meet the needs of the students if it utilizes two school buildings, rather than three school buildings
- The committee has received two sets of enrollment projections, both of which indicate that the enrollment will continue to trend downward. Enrollment data from MSBA are under further review
- Enrollment decline throughout the entire school system may or may not change the number of classrooms needed for instruction
- Subcommittees have been formed regarding current space usage in each school building
- The schools were build for fifty years
- The Committee will continue to look at this from a long-term perspective
- Memorial Middle School will be operating in September 2010

7.3 Policy BBC – Parental/Student Consent Release From Liability and Indemnity Agreement Policy
Superintendent requested a first reading for Policy BBC-E – Parental/Student Consent Release from Liability and Indemnity Agreement. Dr. Tyrell said the Association of Town Counsel and School Attorneys have previously advised that school departments adopt this policy. This policy holds the Town and school department harmless whenever possible. Student participation in all activities will be part of this policy. Kevin Richardson asked if this policy could be done on a yearly basis. Dr. Tyrell said she would speak to counsel and have that information at the next School Committee meeting.

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

Moved to approve the following policies for first reading:

- Policy BBC-E Parental/Student Consent Release From Liability And Indemnity Agreement
- Policy EEAG Student Transportation In Private Vehicles
- Policy EEAG-E1 Student Transportation In Private Vehicle Release
- Policy JJ Co-Curricular And Extracurricular Activities
- Policy JJ-R Co-Curricular And Extracurricular Activities

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues
None

10.0 Old Business Items
Stephanie Peters said that the Jacobs School playground not being opened has been brought to the Committee's attention. She requested putting a deadline on getting the playground opened.

Dr. Tyrell thanked the HTA for how well recent meeting have gone.

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Athletic Committee
None
- Budget Subcommittee
None
- Building Committee
Meetings are scheduled for April 7 and April 29, 2010
- Negotiations Subcommittee
Paraprofessional negotiations is scheduled for April 1, 2010
- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee
None

10.2 Acceptance of Donations
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson
Moved to accept the following donations:
\$32,000.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic program
\$ 190.00 to be used for funding Hull Family Network program
Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson
Moved to approve school warrants as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
Catherine Bowes complimented high school students for volunteering their time on March 27th to help with the Paragon Carousel cleanup.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment
Motion: Catherine Bowes **Second:** Kevin Richardson
Moved to go into Executive Session at 8:03 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