

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

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

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent  
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

Stephanie Peters said that this would be Catherine Bowes last meeting as a School Committee member. She read a list of the Subcommittees that Ms. Bowes has been part of during her tenure as a School Committee member. School Committee and Superintendent presented Catherine Bowes with a bouquet of flowers thanking her for all her contributions and hard work as a Committee member.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson  
Moved to approve agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

- Parents and friends formed the Friends of Hull High school Theatre Arts
- Students participated in the New England Theatre Conference held in Sturbridge, MA
- *Willy Wonka*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* were performed by during the

2009-2010 school year

- Students participated in Broadway 2010
- Fundraising, donations, expenses, rights and royalty expenses

Mr. Doniger thanked everyone involved in the theatre arts program and said he was grateful to have a theatre arts season this year.

School Committee members thanked Mr. Doniger and the Drama Mamas and Papas for all they have done to have a theatre arts program this school year.

#### 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, discussed the new collective bargaining agreement and the collaborative relations between the HTA and School Committee.

#### 7.2 L.M. Jacobs School Student Handbook

Dr. Tyrell thanked Donna Tobin for all she has done for the children of Hull and moving the District forward during her time as a principal at Jacobs School.

Donna Tobin, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, discussed the following changes to the 2010 – 2011 Jacobs School Student Handbook:

- Appendices
- Kindergarten entrance age date
- Bus conduct/transportation
- Volunteers
- Food Services
- Lost and found
- Dress standards
- Field trips
- Cell phones – other electronics
- Notice of non-discrimination
- Before and after school – Kids Care program
- Signature page

Kevin Richardson asked if the peanut free was going well at the Jacob School. Ms. Tobin responded that she has had very little push back from parents since it was implemented. Mr. Richardson requested an update on the peanut free be placed on a future agenda.

Kristen Evans asked if it has ever been discussed to send the “blue notes” electronically to parents. Donna Tobin said that not enough parents have signed up to receive the blue notes electronically. She said she would add the directions for parents to sign up for this in the student handbook.

#### 7.3 Memorial Middle School Student Handbook

Dr. Tyrell thanked Lynda Feeney for all she has done for the Memorial Middle School students during her time as the Memorial Middle School Principal.

Lynda Feeney, Memorial Middle School Principal, presented the following information regarding the 2010 –2011 Student Handbook:

- After school activities
- Field trips

- Schedule
- Anti-bullying
- Student handbook receipt page

Stephanie Peters requested an update on the bullying policy. Dr. Tyrell said she would be attending a meeting regarding the new state anti-bullying law. Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services, gave an overview of the anti-bullying policy that is being worked on for Hull Public Schools.

#### 7.4 Hull High School Student Handbook

Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented updates for the 2010-2011 Hull High School Student Handbook as follows:

- Cover page
- Mission statement, core values, expectations of students
- Graduation requirements
- Promotion requirements
- Graduation ceremonies participation
- Exams
- Academic eligibility
- Grade point average and rank in class
- Student recognition
- Extra help and make-up work
  - Incompletes
  - Advanced placement courses
  - Pass/fail
  - Foreign language – moving levels
  - Dropping and adding subjects
  - Academic integrity
  - Summer school
  - Waivers of pre-requisites
- Attendance regulations
  - Attendance policy
  - Credit for courses
  - Credit recovery
  - Attendance review board
  - Tardy
  - Class cuts
- Disciplinary guidelines
- Detention
- Co-curricular suspension and social probation
- Appeal process
- Dress and appearance
- Electronic devices
- Chemical health
- Search and seizure
- Health services
- School property

- School store
- Student parking privileges
- Visitors
- Student Activities

Dr. Tyrell asked Mr. Devine to review the tardiness section (students who miss more than 15 minutes of a class due to tardiness will be considered absent from that class) during the school year and report back to School Committee.

Dr. Tyrell recommended School Committee wait to vote on the student handbooks until the anti-bullying information is available.

#### 7.5 FY11 Budget Discussion

Superintendent said that the FY11 budget has been discussed over the past months and at the public hearing.

#### 7.6 Superintendent's Review

Stephanie Peters read the descriptions from the seven areas of Dr. Tyrell's review based on Massachusetts Association of School Committee categories. School Committee members commented on each area acknowledging Dr. Tyrell's strengths and suggesting future direction for the district.

#### 8.0 New Business Items None

#### 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues Postponed until the May 25, 2010 meeting

#### 10.0 Old Business Items Kevin Richardson requested placing the college acceptance list on the school cable station.

##### 10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Athletic Committee  
None
- Budget Subcommittee  
None
- Building Committee  
None
- Long Term Space Needs  
None
- Negotiations Subcommittee  
None
- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee  
None

##### 10.2 Acceptance of Donations None

- 11.0 Approval of Warrants  
**Motion:** Kevin Richardson **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Moved to approve school warrants as presented.  
**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0
- 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members  
None
- 13.0 Executive Session
- 14.0 Adjournment  
**Motion:** Catherine Bowes **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Moved to adjourn meeting at 9:40 p.m.  
**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0