

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent
Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent
David Twombly, Director of Operations
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: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Mikia Manley, Student Representative, reported on the following:
 - Progress reports
 - Sophomores and juniors will be taking PSAT
 - Seniors are placing college applications
 - Homecoming event
 - Fall sports
 - Mock trial
 - Class officer election
 - Drama students presentation of *Willy Wonka*
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: **Second:**
Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:
 - Thursday, April 9, 2009 Meeting as presented
 - Thursday, April 9, 2009 Executive Session as presented
 - Friday, May 22, 2009 Meeting with the following change:
 - Change the word *Executive* to **Open** at the end of the sentence

- Change the word *Richard* to **Richardson**
- Friday, May 22, 2009 Executive Session with the following changes:
 - Change the word *Executive* to **Open** in the motion
 - Change the word *Richard* to **Richardson** in the motion
- Tuesday, May 26, 2009 Executive Session as presented
- Monday, June 22, 2009 Executive Session as presented
- Tuesday, June 23, 2009 Athletic Committee as presented
- Wednesday, June 24, 2009 Strategy Review Committee as presented
- Monday, June 29, 2009 Athletic Committee as presented
- Wednesday, July 8, 2009 Budget Strategy Review Committee as presented
- Monday, July 20, 2009 Meeting as presented
- Monday, July 20, 2009 Executive Session with the following change:
 - Add the word *hearing* after grievance in the motion
- Tuesday, July 21, 2009 Budget Strategy Review Committee as presented
- Wednesday, July 22, 2009 Athletic Committee as presented
- Tuesday, August 5, 2009 Meeting as presented
- Wednesday, August 5, 2009 Budget Strategy Review Committee as presented
- Tuesday, August 11, 2009 Athletic Committee as presented
- Monday, August 17, 2009 Meeting as presented
- Monday, August 17, 2009 Executive Session as presented
- Wednesday, August 19, 2009 School Committee Retreat as presented
- Tuesday, September 2, 2009 Budget Strategy Review Committee as presented
- Monday, September 14, 2009 Community Outreach Forum as presented
- Monday, September 14, 2009 Meeting as presented
- Monday, September 14, 2009 Executive Session as presented
- Wednesday, September 23, 2009 Meeting as presented
- Wednesday, September 23, 2009 Paraprofessional Negotiations as presented
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 Budget Strategy Review Committee as presented
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 Meeting as presented
- Thursday, April 9, 2009 Meeting as presented
- **Vote: 5-0-0**

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award

Dr. Tyrell said the MASS allows Superintendent's each year to honor one senior from each district. She said she was very pleased to present the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents award to Mikia Manley who is number one in her class. The criteria for the selection of a high school senior receiving this award includes class standing, cumulative average, class rank and leadership. Dr. Tyrell read a long list of Mikia's accomplishments during her high school years. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Manley.

7.2 Approval of Fundraising Event

Sharon Striglio, PTO/Theatre Arts parent, requested approval of a flyer to be sent out monthly as a Papa Gino's fundraiser night once a month at the North Weymouth location. Twenty percent of the sales for that night will be split by the PTO and Hull Theatre Arts program.

Dr. Tyrell noted that Policy KHA does not endorse commercial fund-raising activities.

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve Papa Gino's fundraising activity for the 2009 –2010 school year.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.3 School Enrollment Update

Dr. Tyrell reported:

- School opening went very well
- Enrollment has increased by six students from last year
- Students attending South Shore Charter School is forty-six (this is a verbal verification)
- Students attending South Shore Charter School is down sixteen students from last year
- Eight students are attending vocational schools (this is a verbal verification)
- Class size ranges from 21 to 25 students at Jacobs School and up to 30 students at Memorial School and High School

School Committee requested actual student enrollment numbers and formalized class sizes at a future meeting.

7.4 Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) Scores

Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Michael Devine, High School Principal, presented the average Hull High School SAT test scores and the average state scores in reading, mathematics and writing. Mr. Devine noted that there was work to do on SAT scores and the high school staff would be focusing on improving scores.

Catherine Bowes asked for the number of juniors and seniors that are taking the SAT's. Mr. Devine said he would get that information for the Committee.

7.5 Advanced Placement Scores

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, discussed Advanced Placement scores in U.S. History, Language, Literature, Environmental Science, Calculus, Spanish, European History, Biology and Statistics. Mr. Devine said he has met with and are setting written goals with teachers regarding Advanced Placement testing.

Dr. Joy Turpie presented the following Advanced Placement information:

- Advanced Placement Scholars
 - Shannon Leary and Siobhan McGowan achieved three (3) or better on all AP exams
- Advanced Scholars with Honors
 - Connor Murphy and MacKenzie Shanahan achieved four (4) on at least two (2) Advanced Placement exams
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction
 - Melissa Striglio achieved four (4) or five (5) on all exams.

7.6 MCAS Scores

Donna Tobin, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, Lynda Feeney, Memorial Middle School, and Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal presented the following MCAS information pertaining to each testing area:

- Trends from 2005 through 2009
- MCAS tests trending upward
 - Grade 3 Reading
 - Grade 3 Mathematics
 - Grade 5 Mathematics
 - Grade 6 Mathematics
 - Grade 7 English/Language Arts
 - Grade 8 English/Language Arts

- Grade 8 Mathematics
- Grade 10 English/Language Arts
- Grade 10 Mathematics
- Grade 10 Science and Technology
- MCAS tests trending downward
 - Grade 5 Mathematics
- MCAS scores that remain steady
 - Grade 6 English/Language Arts
 - Grade 7 Mathematics
- No Conclusions
 - Grade 4 English/Language Arts
 - Grade 5 English/Language Arts
 - Grade 5 Science and Technology
 - Grade 8 Science and Technology
- Good News
 - Students need to pass 10th grade MCAS
 - English/Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science and Technology
 - Students have multiple chances to pass these tests
 - 96% of Hull High School students passed all of the tests the first time
- Changes Made
 - Science curriculum at L.M. Jacobs School and Memorial Middle School
 - Algebra I in grade 8
 - Comprehension strategy instruction K-8
- Challenges
 - First time for long composition
 - First time transferring answers to answer sheet
 - Multi-part questions

School Committee requested a presentation on Adequate Yearly Progress for each school at a future meeting.

7.7 Policy Waiver Request

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, requested a waiver of promotion requirements for the 2009 – 2010 school year. He asked that all students who have completed one full school year as a freshmen be considered sophomores so that they will be allowed to participate in the 2010 MCAS. A one-year waiver of this requirement will allow more students to participate in MCAS while, at the same time, giving the high school administration and faculty an opportunity to look at the ways that students are assessed and promoted.

Dr. Tyrell said she gives full support to Mr. Devine's request.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved to temporarily suspend the promotion requirements/student classification as related to the Hull High School student handbook for the 2009 –2010 school year as requested by Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal.

Vote: 5-0-0

School Committee requested a presentation on the high school student work-study program at the December meeting.

7.8 MASC Resolutions Discussion

School Committee will discuss and vote on MASC resolutions at the October 26, 2009 meeting.

7.9 Representative Garrett Bradley's Chapter 70 Proposed Legislation Update

Dr. Tyrell said that on September 15, 2009 Kevin Richardson, School Committee, Catherine Bowes, School Committee, Joan Meschino, Board of Selectmen, Dennis Blackall, Board of Selectmen and herself went to the State House to testify on House Bill 354 filed by Representative Garrett Bradley. Representative Bradley's bill will net about \$450,00 to the Town of Hull if adopted. Dr. Tyrell urged community members to write Representative Bradley in support of House Bill 354. If passed this Bill would give communities with 20% or more students on free and reduced lunch program and who have a commercial tax base less than 5% an additional \$375 per student in Chapter 70 aid.

School Committee suggested putting information supporting this House Bill in the weekly "blue notes" for community members to contact Representative Bradley.

8.0 New Business Items

School committee requested Dr. Tyrell to prepare and present at the October 26th meeting a list of major topics that should be studied regarding Memorial Middle School usage.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Catherine Bowes

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption as presented:

Policy BA	School Committee Operational Goals
Policy BA-E	Committee Operational Goals
Policy BAA	Evaluation of School Committee Operational Procedures
Policy BB	School Committee Legal Status
Policy BBA	School Committee Powers and Duties
Policy BBAA	School Committee Member Authority
Policy BBBA/BBBB	School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office
Policy BBBC	School Committee Member Resignation
Policy BBBE	Unexpired Term Fulfillment
Policy BCA	School Committee Member Ethics
Policy BCB	Committee Member Conflict of Interest
Policy BDA	School Committee Organizational Meeting
Policy BDB	School Committee Officers
Policy BDC	Appointed Committee Officials
Policy BDD	School Committee/Superintendent Relations
Policy BDD-E	Committee-Superintendent Relations
Policy BDE	Subcommittees of the School Committee
Policy BDF	Advisory Committees to the School Committee
Policy BDFA	School Councils (Also: CEA)
Policy BDFA-R1	School Improvement Plan (Also: EDA-R1)
Policy BDFA-R2	Conduct of School Council Business (Also: EDA-R2)
Policy BDFA-E	Submission and Approval of the School Improvement Plan (Also: CEA-E)
Policy BDG	School Attorney
Policy BE	School Committee Meetings
Policy BEA	The Conduct of School Committee Meetings
Policy BEC	Executive Session

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Catherine Bowes

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

Policy JLCD

Administering Medication to Students

Policy JLCD-E

Medication Error Report

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Athletic Committee
- Budget Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee met on October 8th
 - Finance office will be presenting quarterly financial reports to School Committee
- Budget Strategy Review Committee
 - The next meeting is scheduled for October 20th
- Building Committee
 - Jacobs School Playground Update

Mr. David Twombly, Director of Operations said he had received a draft report on the Jacobs School playground equipment.
- Negotiations Subcommittee
 - Paraprofessional negotiations scheduled for October 27, 2009
- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee
 - Dennis Blackall, Board of Selectmen, has been notified that Stephanie Peters and Kevin Richardson will be School Committee representatives on this Committee

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$550.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic program
- \$3,621.60 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic program
- \$1,552.27 to be used for funding Hull High School Theater Arts program
- \$665.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theater Arts program

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

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 go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing union and non-union negotiations and strategies.

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