

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Peters, Chair
Marianne Harte, Vice Chair
David Twombly, Secretary
Kristen Evans, Member
Kevin Richardson, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent
Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent
Margaret Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Reorganization and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Kathleen Tyrell at 7:00 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

Dr. Tyrell requested nominations for School Committee Chair.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to nominate Stephanie Peters as School Committee Chair, Marianne Harte as Vice Chair, and David Twombly as Secretary.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Stephanie Peters took her seat as new School Committee Chair.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: AYES: 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

Kevin Richardson requested contacting the HTA to see if an HTA member can attend School Committee meetings. Dr. Tyrell said she would contact the HTA.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, May 10, 2010 School Committee Community Outreach Forum as presented

- Monday, May 10, 2010 School Committee minutes as presented

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Hull High School Program of Studies

Scott Sivo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, presented the following changes to the High School Program of Studies for 2010 – 2011:

- Add/drop period from course changes
- New mission statement and core values
- Graduation requirements
- Promotion requirements
- Post secondary planning
- Standardized / college entrance examination tests
- Writing initiative
- Student sequence charts by department
- Course descriptions

Dr. Tyrell and School Committee thanked Mr. Sivo for a clear presentation.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: David Twombly

Moved to accept the 2010 – 2011 Hull High School Program of Studies as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Hull High School Athletic Program Update

James Quatromoni, Athletic Director/Community Outreach Coordinator, presented the following update on the high school athletic program:

- Fundraising
- Teams offered for each season
- Student participation
- User fee revenue
- Donations
- Expenses
- Challenges of FY11

School Committee thanked Jim Quatromoni for the outstanding job he has done this school year.

Kevin Richardson voiced his concern regarding gate receipts for next year. He said that the Thanksgiving football game would be played away next year.

7.3 Closing the Early Literacy Gap for Students with Disabilities Grant

Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services presented information about the *Closing the Early Literacy Gap for Students with disabilities* grant. She said she is working with kindergarten teachers on an action plan for children ages 3-5. She said the teachers would come back to School Committee in the fall with an update on this grant.

7.4 School Choice

Dr. Tyrell said that each year School Committee members must vote on School Choice.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kevin Richardson

Moved that Hull Public Schools not participate in School Choice for the 2010 -2011 school year.

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Tyrell noted for public information that every School Committee must notify the Commissioner's office annually of their vote. If the Committee does not take a vote it is presumed that the Town will participate in School Choice.

8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Tyrell announced that on May 26th Dr. Turpie and Dr. Tyrell would be holding Focus Groups. The first meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. for the staff members at Jacobs School to discuss the qualities and skills they would like to see in the new Jacobs School Principal. The second focus group will be held at 6:30 p.m. for parents. The meetings will be held at the Jacobs School library.

Dr. Tyrell suggested having an early release on June 15, 2010, the last day of classes. After discussion School Committee made the following motion:

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to have an early release for students with no lunch served on June 15, 2010.

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Tyrell said she had notified School Committee that Dr. Joy Turpie, Assistant Superintendent, would be retiring on June 30, 2010. She said Dr. Turpie has spent over 30 years in education. Dr. Turpie has had a positive impact on helping staff and students and has moved the curriculum forward during her three years working in Hull.

Kevin Richardson noted that a new round of *Race to the Top* has been scheduled. He said he thinks the MTA is recommending favorable action on this. Dr. Tyrell said she has communicated with Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, and has asked Ms. McCarthy to notify her if there is any change in the HTA's position.

Kevin Richardson said he had an informal meeting with a School Committee member and parent in Cohasset regarding sharing positions and cost avoidance in both school districts. Mr. Richardson suggested that the School Committee Chair and Superintendent write a joint letter to the Cohasset School Committee Chair and Cohasset Superintendent to begin discussions regarding regionalization of our schools or consolidation of services. Dr. Tyrell said she would reach out to the Cohasset School District to determine if there is interest in this and if it is right for both towns.

Stephanie Peters said she hopes School Committee members have had the opportunity to attend Attorney James Lampke's informational meeting regarding the new Open Meeting law that will go into effect on July 1, 2010.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

- Athletic Committee

James Quatromoni will be presenting athletic FY11 information at the June 21, 2010 School Committee meeting

- Budget Subcommittee

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2010

- Building Committee

Kevin Richardson asked about the status of the Jacobs School playground. Dr. Tyrell said that we are waiting for the manufacture to ship the equipment for the Jacobs School playground.

David Twombly asked about the status of the Jacobs School roof and leaks. Dr. Tyrell responded that Mickey McGonagle, Consultant, is working on this issue.

- Long Term Space Needs

Dr. Tyrell will be presenting information at the June 21, 2010 School Committee meeting

- Negotiations Subcommittee

None

- Town-wide Financial Planning Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2010

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$2,510.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic program
- \$5,000.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theater Arts program

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve school warrants #238 through # 255 and #42S as presented.

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Marianne Harte received correspondence from a parent who voiced concerns about the new field trip form. Dr. Tyrell said this form was done on the advice of counsel and requested telephone calls be referred to her.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0