

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 of Schools
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:00 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: Marianne Harte **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve agenda as presented.

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Edward Cameron, Student Representative, reported on the following:

- Student council upcoming elections
- Class officers upcoming elections
- Senior class members wall painting
- Student advisory
- Fall sports
- Thanked members of the Hull Boosters Club for all their support

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

Timothy MacKenzie, HTA President,

- Welcomed new principals and new teachers
- Stated there was a smooth opening of schools
- Noted that Hull High School is ranked "41st best Massachusetts public high school"
 - Reflection of the hard work by teachers, parents and administrators

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Representative Garrett Bradley

Representative Garrett Bradley discussed:

- Educational funding issues
- Race to the Top
- Educational Jobs Federal Grant
 - Chapter 70 formula

- Hull Public Schools received \$234,235

School Committee and Superintendent thanked Representative Bradley for being so responsive to the Town of Hull.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Wednesday, June 2, 2010 School Committee Workshop
- Monday, June 21, 2010 School Committee meeting with the following change:
 - Replace the word *able* with **unable** on page 3
- Monday, June 21, 2010 School Committee meeting
- Monday, June 21, 2010 School Committee Executive Session
- Wednesday, June 30, 2010 Athletic Sub-committee
- Monday, August 16, 2010 School Committee Executive Session

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 School Opening

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell reported on the following:

- Smooth opening on August 31, 2010 in the three schools
- Buildings were in exceptional condition and ready for opening of school
- Staff and students are enthusiastic about the opening of school
- All staff members are in place with the exception of the high school library media specialist
- Buses ran smoothly
- Lunch menus have been improved

Dr. Tyrell thanked community members for all their support to Hull Public Schools

7.3 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell said she worked with administrators during the summer to form district goals. School Committee members reviewed the district goals during their retreat on August 16, 2010. She stated that on opening day of school the entire staff became familiarized with the district goals. Dr. Tyrell read the following Hull Public School District Goals for 2010-2011:

1. Work collaboratively with the Hull Teachers Association in order to improve student outcomes across all grade levels.
2. Utilize the expertise of faculty to improve teaching and learning through peer observations and collaboration.
3. Complete preparations for the November 2011 NEASC accreditation visit.
4. Reduce the drop-out rate by identifying and working with at-risk students in grades K-12.
5. Provide clear understanding of the school department's budget and financial needs to the community.
6. Report progress on the 21st Century Schools Initiative to the community.

7. Work collaboratively with Town departments and community groups.

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the 2010-2011 district goals as presented by Dr. Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 *Boston Magazine* Top 50 Schools

Dr. Tyrell announced that in the September 2010 issue, *Boston Magazine* has listed Hull High School among the “50 Best Public High Schools.” The ranking includes information on student-to-teacher ratio, per-pupil spending, MCAS scores, SAT scores, graduation rate, percentage to college, sports teams and clubs in each of the 50 Massachusetts public high schools. She said she was proud to tell this community that Hull High School is a top-notch school.

7.5 Introduce Laura Miceli, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development
Dr. Kathleen Tyrell introduced Laura Miceli the new Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. Ms. Miceli earned her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts. She holds two Master’s degrees, from the University of Massachusetts and Boston University. She is currently a Doctorial candidate at Northeastern University. Ms. Miceli comes to Hull with a strong educational background. Her experience includes working in Brockton, Hanover and Fall River. She has also worked for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Laura Miceli said she looks forward to working in Hull.

7.6 Education Jobs Grant

Dr. Tyrell said that Hull Schools has received \$234,235 from a federal Education Jobs Grant. She said she met with the Administrative Team to discuss the needs of the District. The plan to use the money from this grant will balance the needs of each school. Dr. Tyrell presented the following summary for the expenditure of this grant:

L.M. Jacobs School	.3 Technology Teacher	\$ 16,229
MTRS		\$ 1,461
MCAS Tutoring		<u>\$ 33,858</u>
Total - L.M. Jacobs School		\$ 51,548
Memorial Middle School	7 th & 8 th Grade Teacher	\$ 58,854
Health Insurance		\$ 00
MTRS		<u>\$ 5,297</u>
Total – Memorial Middle School		\$ 64,151
Hull High School	English Teacher	\$ 42,125
Health Insurance		\$ 11,563
MTRS		<u>\$ 3,791</u>
Total – Hull High School		\$ 57,479
Hull High School Activities		\$ 19,167
Drama		\$ 10,600
Athletics		<u>\$ 31,290</u>
Total Hull High School Activities		\$ 61,057
Total		\$234,235

Kevin Richardson requested posting the grant expenditure information on the School Website.

7.7 Advisory Kick-off Program

Dr. Tyrell gave the following overview of the Hull High School first advisory Kick-off Day:

- On September 21, 2010 all Hull High School students will participate in an all day advisory day
- Freshmen class will stay at the high school, and will work with Principal Michael Devine on team building activities
- Sophomore students will work on community service projects throughout the town with James Quatromoni, Community Outreach Coordinator
- Junior advisories will take a commuter boat to Boston and take a guided tour of a college or university.
- Senior advisories will visit a cultural or historical site in Boston and spend at least 2 ½ hours touring the site.

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell thanked the high school administrators and staff for putting the advisory kick-off day together for the high school students.

7.8 Solicitation of Advertising

Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, said he is not asking for a policy change. He presented the following information regarding advertising at athletic facilities:

- Current advertising policy
- Advertising plan
- Why the need for advertising
- Accepting advertising
- Develop a procedure for accepting advertising
- Develop a procedure for displaying advertising
- Examine the cost of producing advertisements
- Develop a price scale for advertising
- Timeline

School Committee discussed the following:

- Contract with each vendor
- Request vendors to come to the high school with advertisement
- Outdoor signage
- Town regulations and by-laws
- Uniform signage in the gymnasium
- Setting-up and taking down signs
- Procedure for the revenues
- Chamber of Commerce

Stephanie Peters said the School Committee is in full support of pursuing Mr. Devine's request.

7.9 Hull High School Athletic and Drama Fees

Michael Devine, High School Principal, presented the following athletic and drama student fee proposal for 2010 – 2011:

- Athletic fee comparison for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
- 2009-2010 athletic department gate receipts, fee revenue, and donations
- Reasons for recommending an increase in the athletic department fees

- Athletic fees
- Theatre Arts program fee comparison for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
- Reasons for recommending an increase in the theatre arts program
- Drama user fees
- Final thoughts

Mr. Devine noted that the Hull Theatre Arts will be presenting “Annie” on December 10 and 11, 2010. The Hull Boosters will have a sticker drive on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

School Committee discussed:

- Hockey surcharge
- Sliding scale for payment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kevin Richardson

Move to accept the 2010-2011 Athletic and Drama fee proposal as presented by Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.10 Anti-bullying Update

Stephanie Peters said that there are no funds associated with this unfunded mandate.

Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services, presented the following update on steps the District has taken and will be taking on the Bullying Act of 2010:

- Students and teachers collected data on where bullying incidents occurred at Hull High School
- Legal issues and consequences around bullying, stalking, identity fraud and other important harassment issues were presented to the high school student body and staff
- A School Committee Bullying policy has been drafted and is being reviewed by Attorney Mary Ellen Sowydra prior to the School Committee first reading scheduled for October 25, 2010
- John Halligan (Ryan’s Story) will address students in grades 6-12 on January 19, 2011. An evening session for parents will be held on January 18 or 19, 2011
- A draft preschool – grade 12 bullying incident report form has been created
- Civil rights training and information on the Bullying Acts of 2010 was presented to all staff on opening day
- Training for the Administrative Team took place on September 9, 2010
- Second Step curriculum will be taught to every student at Memorial Middle School and L.M. Jacobs School
- Professional development was provided during the summer to physical education/wellness teachers to create a unit on bullying
- Student Services staff are aware of the vulnerability to bullying, harassment or teasing because of a child’s disability
- Brochures for parents from MARC has been added to the Student Services website
- Training will be provided to bus drivers
- A task force to create the Hull Public Schools Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for the DESE will be assembled

School Committee thanked Judith Kuehn for her comprehensive presentation.

7.11 Regionalization with Cohasset Public Schools

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell said that she and Ms. Stephanie Peters, Hull School Committee Chair met with the Cohasset School Committee Chair and Superintendent of Schools, on August 9, 2010. Dr. Tyrell stated that the parties agreed to put forth the following motion for each School Committee to consider:

To form a study committee comprised of the Cohasset Superintendent of Schools, Cohasset Town Manager, Cohasset School Committee Chair (or designee), the Hull Superintendent of Schools, Hull Town Manager, and Hull School Committee Chair (or designee) and to charge this Committee with studying the advantages and disadvantages of regionalizing the Cohasset and Hull Public School Systems and to report findings to the Cohasset and Hull School Committee by April 1, 2011.

Dr. Tyrell reported that at their September 1, 2010 School Committee meeting, the Cohasset School Committee was presented with the motion. The motion was made but not seconded. Therefore, no action was taken. There was no further discussion and no vote took place. The following substitute motion was made by Ms. Jeanne Astino and seconded by Dr. Paul Schubert:

To form a study committee to explore opportunities for purchasing, equipment, services, personnel, and utilities, but not full regionalization of the two school districts.

This motion was passed by the Cohasset School Committee.

Dr. Tyrell recommended the Hull School Committee vote on both the original motion and the substitute motion.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to form a study committee comprised of the Cohasset Superintendent of Schools, Cohasset Town Manager, Cohasset School Committee Chair (or designee), the Hull Superintendent of Schools, Hull Town Manager, and Hull School Committee Chair (or designee) and to charge this Committee with studying the advantages and disadvantages of regionalizing the Cohasset and Hull Public School Systems and to report findings to the Cohasset and Hull School Committee by April 1, 2011.

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Richardson suggested a revision of the Cohasset substitute motion that would delete the words, “but not full regionalization of the two school districts.”

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to form a study committee to explore opportunities for purchasing, equipment, services, personnel, and utilities.

Vote: 5-0-0

David Twombly will be the School Committee designee on this study committee.

Dr. Tyrell will contact the Cohasset Superintendent regarding Hull School Committee motions and setting up meeting dates.

8.0 New Business Items

Stephanie Peters said the Committee would present School Committee goals at the October meeting. The Website has been updated and looks excellent.

Kevin Richardson asked about MCAS results. Dr. Tyrell responded that Laura Miceli, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, would be making a presentation on MCAS scores at the October 12, 2010 School Committee meeting.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues
None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Members

The following Sub-committees were re-organized by consensus of the School Committee:

Athletic Subcommittee

Kevin Richardson

Budget Subcommittee

Stephanie Peters

Kevin Richardson

Cable Channel 22 Subcommittee

David Twombly

Custodian Negotiating Team

Marianne Harte

David Twombly

Dedication of Rooms/School Areas

Kristen Evans

Stephanie Peters

HTA Negotiating Team

Kristen Evans

Kevin Richardson

Nurses Negotiating Team

Stephanie Peters

Kevin Richardson

Paraprofessional Negotiating Team

Marianne Harte

David Twombly

School Building Committee Members

Catherine Bowes (voting member)

Kevin Richardson

Secretaries Negotiating Team

Stephanie Peters

Marianne Harte

Town Wide Financial Planning Committee

Stephanie Peters

Kevin Richardson

School Committee discussed the Dedication of Rooms/School Areas Sub-committee and will review related policy.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$ 1,006.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theater Arts program
- \$ 2,153.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theater Arts program
- \$ 4,549.23 to be used for funding Hull High School Theater Arts program
- \$ 102.60 to be used for funding Hull Family Network program
- \$ 93.75 to be used for funding Hull Family Network program
- \$25,000.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic program (donated by Hull Boosters Club)
- \$ 471.00 to be used for Hull High School Athletics program
- \$ 5,000.00 to be used for Hull High School Athletics program (donated by Hull Youth Football Association)

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to approve school warrants # 270, # 271 and # 269 and # 8S 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: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to go into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and negotiation strategy with union and non-union personnel and not to return to Open Session. An Open Session may have detrimental effect on negotiations and negotiation strategy with union and non-union personnel.

Roll Call Vote: David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters, Kristen Evans, and Kevin Richardson