

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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  
Maggie Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:01 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:** David Twombly  
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  
Timothy MacKenzie, HTA President,
  - Noted Hull High School mock trial was held at Harvard University
  - Thanked HASC for funding the high school mock trial
  - Acknowledged that high school students earned high scores on the science MCAS
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** David Twombly                      **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:
  - Monday, June 7, 2010 School Committee Executive Session
  - Monday, August 16, 2010 School Committee Retreat
  - Wednesday, September 1, 2010 School Committee meeting
  - Wednesday, September 1, 2010 HTA Negotiations
  - Monday, September 13, 2010 Community Outreach Forum
  - Monday, September 13, 2010 School Committee meeting with the following change:
    - Page 5, 7.10 change the word *unfounded* to **unfunded**
  - Monday, September 13, 2010 School Committee Executive Session**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** David Twombly  
Move to release to the public Monday, September 13, 2010 Executive Session minutes.  
**Vote:** AYES: 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 Brandon Sprague who is number one in his 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 Brandon's accomplishments during his high school years. Dr. Tyrell said Brandon is a credit to Hull High School and the Hull Community. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Brandon.

7.2 Standardized Testing Report

- MCAS/AYP
- SAT's
- Advanced Placement Examinations

Laura Miceli, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, presented the following overview:

- Adequate yearly progress
- District summary report
- 2010 English Language Arts growth data
- 2010 mathematics growth data
- 2010 Massachusetts comprehensive assessment system data
- Next steps
- Essential conditions
- Preliminary plans to increase student achievement

School Committee voiced their concerns and frustrations with the MCAS scores.

Kristen Evans requested through the superintendent that a specific action plan (goal) be chosen for each grade level/subject matter to improve instruction.

Laura Miceli, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, and Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, discussed:

- 2010 Advanced Placement
  - scores
  - key ideas
  - courses
  - data
  - scholar
- 2010 Scholastic Aptitude Test
  - SAT trend data

7.3 FPC Real Estate Subcommittee – Spring Street Property

Dr. Tyrell said the Town of Hull owns property located at the intersection of Spring Street and Nantasket Avenue that was last used as a school. If the Board of Selectmen should decide to sell this property, the School Committee must relinquish the use and any interest in this property to the Town of

Hull. Dr. Tyrell said she had included in the Committee's packet a motion from James Lampke, Town Counsel.

Stephanie Peters said the Town of Hull Real Estate Subcommittee met several times and identified properties that the Town could sell. The funds would be put toward the operating budget of the Town. If a decision to sell this property is made an article would need to be included in the Town meeting warrant.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move pursuant to G.L. c. 40, section 15A, and any other applicable law, to determine and declare that the land located at the corner of Spring Street and Nantasket Avenue in the Village, also being known as assessors Map 6 Lots 001, 002 and 005, however so ever the same may be described, previously acquired/used for school purposes and/or to the extent under the care, custody and control of the School Committee/Department, is no longer needed for such purposes and that a copy of this determination be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

#### 7.4 MASC Resolutions Discussion

Marianne Harte will be the delegate at the 2010 MASS/MASC joint conference on November 3-6, 2010.

Dr. Tyrell said she had included the seven MASC resolutions in the Committee's packets. She read the seven resolutions that will be voted on at the November 3, 2010 MASC/MASS joint conference. After discussion, the Committee decided to have Marianne Harte, School Committee delegate listen to the discussion at the MASC conference and to vote what is best for Hull School District.

#### 7.5 November 2, 2010 Election, Question 3 - Discussion

Dr. Tyrell suggested School Committee discuss question 3- Sales and Use Tax Rates on the November 2, 2010 ballot. She had enclosed information prepared by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in each Committee member's packet. Kevin Richardson said if question 3 passes it would cut the school departments local aid in half.

**Motion:** Marianne Harte                      **Second:** Kristen Evans

Moved to vote no on Ballot Question three (3) – Sales and Use Tax Rates on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

#### 8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Tyrell congratulated Joanne Simmons, L.M. Jacobs School third grade teacher, for being chosen as teacher of the week in the October 12, 2010 Patriot Ledger.

Dr. Tyrell noted that Fox 25 news has selected Friday, October 15, 2010 Hull vs. Norwell football game as their Friday night highlight game.

Marianne Harte asked Dr. Tyrell about the usage of Promethean Boards. Dr. Tyrell responded that the Promethean Boards are being used on a regular basis and training is being coordinated.

Stephanie Peters requested Committee members to review the current School Committee goals and plan to discuss the goals at the next meeting. She also asked the Committee to come up with new goals to accomplish over the next 18 – 24 month period.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Members

Dr. Tyrell has reached out to Cohasset Superintendent of Schools with dates to schedule a meeting regarding regionalization.

Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen will be scheduled sometime in November.

The Town Wide Financial Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at Town Hall.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$2,113.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$ 250.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$ 200.00 to be used for funding Hull Family Network

**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve school warrants #10S, #274 and #275 as presented.

**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Marianne Harte said she has received questions regarding scheduling, class sizes and mixture of grades at Hull High School. High School Principal Michael Devine explained the need to combine some courses to enable the opportunity for all students to take classes at his/her level.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to adjourn School Committee meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0