# SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stephanie Peters, Chair (present) Marianne Harte, Vice Chair (present) David Twombly, Secretary (present) Kristen Evans, Member (absent) Kevin Richardson, Member (present)

#### 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 7:02 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: Kevin Richardson Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the agenda with the following change:

Table Item 7-4 Grade Eight New York City Trip

**Vote:** AYES: 4-0-0

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, asked everyone to think of the consequences the November 2, 2010 Ballot Question three (3) – Sales and Use Tax Rates would have on public education.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

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

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Tuesday, October 12, 2010 School Committee Community Outreach Forum
- Tuesday, October 12, 2010 School Committee meeting

**Vote:** AYES: 4-0-0

# 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Hull High School Habitat for Humanity Service Project in El Salvador

Timothy MacKenzie, High School Social Studies Teacher, along with students from Hull High School Project Humanitarian Involvement (PHI) Community Service Group requested permission to travel to El Salvador from April 16 through April 23, 2011 to work with Habitat for Humanity.

Lucas MacKenzie, PHI President, said this is the third trip to El Salvador for Hull High School students. Students will be working with Habitat for Humanity, a global non-profit housing organization that helps impoverished people around the world. Students will work with local people building houses and learn about local cultures.

Patrick Kelly, PHI Vice President, discussed the background on Habitat for Humanity. He said students are requesting School Committee approval to go to El Salvador from April 16 through April 23, 2011.

School Committee requested PHI students to return to a future School Committee meeting with an update of their trip to El Salvador.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson **Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve the student trip to El Salvador to work with Habitat for Humanity from April 16 through April 23, 2011.

**Vote:** AYES: 4-0-0

# 7.2 New England Theatre Conference

Mr. Joseph Doniger, Theatre Director, requested permission to bring high school theatre arts students to attend the 59<sup>th</sup> New England Theatre Conference on November 18 – 20, 2010 in New Haven, CT. Students' attending the conference will be investigating and competing in all parts of theatre arts.

# 7.3 Broadway 2011

Mr. Doniger also stated that the theatre program would like to continue its annual Broadway weekend in New York City. This year the Broadway 2011 trip is scheduled on April 29 - 30, 2011.

# **Motion:** Kevin Richardson **Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve attendance at the New England Conference on November 18 –20, 2010 in New Haven, CT and the Hull Public Schools Theatre Arts students to attend Broadway 2011 in New York City on April 29 and April 30, 2011.

**Vote:** AYES: 4-0-0

# 7.5 Anti-bullying Policy

Dr. Tyrell presented an anti-bullying policy for first reading. She commended the administrative team for all the hard work on the anti-bullying policy.

The following update on the Bullying Act of 2010 implementation was presented by Dr. Tyrell:

- Accomplishments to date:
  - o Dr. Mary Clair Gerety, Clinical Social worker, consulted with high school teachers and students from each grade to understand the high school culture in the area of bullying.
  - o Students and teachers collected data on bullying incidents in the high school.
  - o The team of students presented their findings to the entire high school staff.
  - o Sergeant Casagrande presented the legal issues and consequences around bullying, stalking, identity fraud and other harassment issues to the high school student body and staff.
  - o A proposed policy on bullying and cyberbullying was reviewed by counsel.
  - o The leadership team created and implemented a Student Prevention and Intervention Incident Reporting Form and an investigation form.
  - o Mandated civil rights training included information on the Bullying Act of 2010 as well as an overview of the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.

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- o The presentation is on the school website.
- o Mary Ellen Sowyrda, Esq. trained the leadership team on the Bullying Act of 2010.
- o Second Step curriculum was implemented at Memorial School and Jacobs School.
- o Second steps includes anti-bullying strategies.
- o Physical education/wellness teachers created a unit of bullying for high school students.
- O Student services staff were trained on the process of writing an IEP when a child with a disability is vulnerable to bullying. The IEP shall address the skills needed to avoid the respond to bullying, harassment or teaching.
- o Brochures for parents from MA Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) are on the website and hard copies were given to parents at open house and are available at all schools.

# • Next Steps:

- o An anti-bullying committee will be formed to consult and draft the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan as required by the new law.
- o The final plan will be presented to the School Committee in December.
- o Adjustment counselors from the Jacobs School and Memorial School, guidance counselors from the high school and administrators will participate in the Bullying and Cyber-bullying Train-the Trainers session on November 30, sponsored by MA aggression Reduction Center (MARC).
- o John Halligan, Ryan's Story, will address students in grades 6-12 on January 19<sup>th</sup>. An evening session for parents will also be held in January 2011.
- o Bus drivers and cafeteria workers will be trained.

Kevin Richardson asked about communication on this policy. Dr. Tyrell said once the policy is approved, principals will communicate information in the blue notes, on the website, and the policy will be part of the student handbook. She also will ask the Hull Times to assist us in communicating this information to the public.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson **Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve Policy JBAA – Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Policy for first reading.

**Vote:** AYES 4-0-0

# 7.6 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell announced that twenty-two Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on the spring 2009 grade ten MCAS tests. Students' receiving this scholarship makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. Dr. Tyrell read the following student names receiving this scholarship:

Vincent Bregoli
Edward Cameron
Sean Carroll
Jamie Clasby
Daniel Coffey
Brian Collins
Fallon Comrack
Nicole Heavern
Marissa Johnson
Elena Karski
Patrick Kelly
Samantha Lawson

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> Amy MacDonald Amanda McBride Patrick McQuaid Nicole Pumphrey Andrew Schmid Katherine Spitz Brandon Sprague Jamie Stadnik Heather Sweeney Taylor Vieira

Kevin Richardson asked how many of the students receiving the scholarship actually take advantage of attending a state university and what is the criteria for keeping the scholarship. Dr. Tyrell replied that a student must meet the following criteria to continue receiving the scholarship:

- Continue to enroll fulltime in a Massachusetts public higher education institute
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 on all college work
- Complete financial aid form annually
- Complete studies within eight (8) consecutive semesters.

Michael Devine said he would get the statistics on the number of students attending a state university that have received the John and Abigail scholarship.

#### 8.0 New Business Items

Stephanie Peters said that there is a copy of School Committee goals included in the Committees packets. The goals were centered around curriculum, fiscal transparency, communication, labor relations, and evaluation process. She proposed Committee members set new goals that would span the 2010-2012 school years. She suggested forming a Hull School Committee Goals Subcommittee consisting of two members to review the current goals. The Subcommittee could present at the November  $22^{nd}$  how much has been accomplished from the current goals and what the Subcommittee would like to see accomplished as a Board over the next two year. Stephanie Peters and Marianne Harte volunteered to be on the School Committee Goals Subcommittee.

# 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues None

#### 10.0 Old Business Items

#### 10.1 Sub-committee Members

Dr. Tyrell reported that she had heard from Cohasset Schools and there will not be a meeting in the near future. The Cohasset School Committee is involved in the search for a new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Tyrell was asked if Hull School Committee members have any ideas on cost savings that they be forwarded to Cohasset.

Stephanie Peters said that at the last Financial Planning Committee the Financial Planning Committee Real Estate Subcommittee had been dissolved. A discussion also took place regarding the Financial Planning Committee remaining active.

School Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 to discuss the FY12 budget.

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10.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** David Twombly **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$3,829.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$ 883.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$ 228.00 to be used for funding Hull Family Network

**Vote:** AYES: 4-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** David Twombly **Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to approve school warrants #276, #277 and #278 #279 and #280 as presented.

**Vote:** AYES: 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

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: 4-0-0