SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 7:00 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
 Move to approve the agenda as presented.
 Vote: AYES: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items None
- 4.0 Student Representative Sean Carroll, High School Student Representative, reported on the following:
 - Senior college applications
 - SAT
 - Fall sports
 - Spirit week
 - Thanksgiving rally
 - Tribute to senior athletics
 - Thanksgiving football game
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes **Motion:** David Twombly Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:
 - Monday, October 25, 2010 School Committee meeting
 - Monday, November 8, 2010 Budget Subcommittee meeting
 - Tuesday, November 9, 2010 School Committee meeting **Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Professional Development Update

Dr. Kathleen I. Tyrell presented an overview of the Tuesday, November 2, 2010 professional development day for teachers, paraprofessionals and nurses. Jacobs School and Memorial School teachers focused on analyzing MCAS data. Hull High School staff worked on the upcoming NEASC visitation. Paraprofessionals from Jacobs School and Memorial School attended crisis prevention intervention training. Additional off-site training was provided for nurses.

7.2 Anti-bullying Policy

Dr. Tyrell said an anti-bullying policy must be submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by December 31, 2010. She presented a draft anti-bullying policy for second reading.

Motion: Kevin RichardsonSecond: Marianne HarteMove to approve Policy JBAA – Bullying and Cyber-Bullying for second reading.Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

7.3 Grade Eight New York City Trip

Paula Maxwell, Memorial Middle School Principal, requested permission to bring grade eight students to New York City on Monday, June 6, 2011. She said the trip aligns with Massachusetts Frameworks and is an end of year celebration for eight grade students.

Motion: David TwomblySecond: Marianne HarteMove to approve Memorial Middle School grade eight student trip to New York City on June 6, 2011.Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

7.4 MCAS Update

Jean Penta, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, presented the following MCAS improvement initiatives:

- Breakfast club
- Literacy coaches
- Power verbs
- Time management
- High expectations
- Data analysis
- MCAS tutors
- Walk-throughs
- Professional development
- MCAS vocabulary
- Reading
- Homework
- Parent workshops
- Websites

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- Activator
- High expectations
- Grade 7 and 8 ELA
- ELA tactics
- Writing foundations
- Tutoring
- Student meetings
- Walk-throughs
- Professional development
- Data analysis

Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the following MCAS improvement initiatives:

- Freshman writing
- Freshman math
- Foundations of English and Math
- Strategies for learning
- MCAS tutoring
- Professional development
- Activators
- Writing prompts
- Introduction to physics

7.5 School Enrollment Update

Dr. Tyrell said student enrollment is down across the three schools. In 2009 81% of school age children living in Hull attended Hull Public Schools and 87.5% of school age children are attending Hull Public Schools this year. Fewer children are attending South Shore Charter School. Dr. Tyrell will present a report at the next meeting on school attending children.

8.0 New Business Items

8.1 School Committee Goals

Stephanie Peters read the draft 2010-2012 School Committee goals regarding:

- Curriculum
- Fiscal Transparency
- Communication
- Human Resources

Kevin Richardson suggested:

- Changing the word transparency to responsibility in the second goal
- Inviting Peter Seitz, Channel 22 Program Director, to a future Committee meeting

Marianne Harte volunteered to be on the Cable Subcommittee with David Twombly.

Stephanie Peters said the School Committee goals would be finalized at the December School Committee meeting.

8.2 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Stephanie Peters said that the School Committee met with the Board of Selectmen on November 9, 2010 regarding a draft level service school budget. School Committee has not finalized the budget and a public meeting will be held prior to the School Committee vote on the budget.

- 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues None
- 10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Members

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Kristen Evans **Second:** Kevin Richardson Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$ 500.00 to be used for funding L.M. Jacobs School Music Program
- \$4,000.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Freshman Basketball Program
- \$2,631.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$ 714.55 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$ 175.00 to be used for funding Hull Family Network Program
- \$4,681.80 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts Program

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

Stephanie Peters read a letter from Christine Pucillo regarding a donation to the L.M. Jacobs School Music Program.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Marianne HarteSecond: David TwomblyMoved to approve school warrants #281, #282, #283 and 14S as presented.Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

- 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
 - *Annie* will be performed by the Hull High School Theatre Arts students on December 10, and 11, 2010. Tickets are available at the box office at Hull High School and on-line.
 - Holiday Showcase was held on November 20, 2010 at Hull High School.
 - Turkey Trot for students in the 4th and 5th grade was held on November 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Memorial School students dance was held on November 5, 2010.
- 13.0 Executive Session None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie PetersSecond: David TwomblyMove to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:47 p.m.Vote: AYES: 5-0-0