

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stephanie Peters, Chair (present)  
Marianne Harte, Vice Chair (present) left meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
David Twombly, Secretary (present)  
Kristen Evans, Member (absent)  
Kevin Richardson, Member (present) arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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 Memorial Middle School, 81 Central Avenue, Grade Eight Large Group Room with the Salute to the Flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda  
**Motion:** Marianne Harte                      **Second:** David Twombly  
Move to approve the agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative  
None
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report  
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** David Twombly                      **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Move to approve the Monday, January 24, 2011 School Committee minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0
- 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent
  - 7.1 Project 351  
Jon Mahoney, Memorial Middle School grade eight student, said he was chosen to represent the Town of Hull along with 350 other eighth grade students from each of the cities and town across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Governor Deval Patrick and Lt. Governor Timothy Murray's Project 351. The governor's administration developed the program to show its commitment to the next generation of leaders and learners. The event kicked off with a Youth Town Hall meeting at Cradles to Crayons in Brighton. Students then split up into groups and went out across Boston to join leaders in the pro sports community in partnership with numerous service and non-profit organizations.  
Mr. Mahoney's assignment was to work with the Cradles to Crayons organization. The vision of Cradles to Crayons is that one day every child in need will have the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued. Mr. Mahoney said it was an honor to be able to help out other kids by packing backpacks with supplies. After several hours of work, the students were served lunch. Jon stated that this experience was very rewarding and something he will never forget. He said he greatly appreciated having the opportunity to represent the Town of Hull.

## 7.2 Peer Observations

Ms. Paula Maxwell, Memorial Middle School Acting Principal, Ms. Carol Henry, Memorial Middle School special education teacher, and Ms. Heather Hughes, Memorial Middle School science teacher, discussed the following peer observation taking place at the Memorial School:

- Two teachers work together
- Teachers learn from each other
- Spend forty-five minutes in each others classroom
- Meet to discuss the peer observation
- Learning new strategies from each other

School Committee requested that Dr. Tyrell report back on this program at the end of the school year.

## 7.3 Out of State Field Trip

Ms. Cara Cimini, Hull High School English Teacher, requested permission to bring thirty-two high school students to see *The Crucible* at the Trinity Repertory Theatre in Providence, RI on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. The students have read the book in class. Students will be required to write a prediction and a reflection after seeing the play.

Dr. Tyrell said that Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal supports this field trip.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve Hull High School student trip to the Trinity Repertory Theatre in Providence RI on March 8, 2011.

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

## 7.4 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Director of Student Services, Ms. Kathleen Hollingshead, Hull High School Nurse, Ms. Barbara Meschino, L.M. Jacobs School Nurse, and Ms. Sharon Striglio, Memorial Middle School Nurse presented Policy EBBA Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Policy EBBA-E School Health Care Services (AED) Training Record for first reading. Maintenance for defibrillators in each school will be done by the school nurses. Training for using the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been offered.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

Policy EBBA                      Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Policy EBBA-E                School Health Care Services (AED) Training Record

**Vote:** 3-0-0

## 7.5 School Grants – FY11 Update

Dr. Tyrell said the Hull Public School has received \$1,376,703 in federal and state grants in FY11. These grants must be used for very specific things and must be used to supplement what is the school budget. She presented an overview of the FY11 state and federal grants and what each grant must be used for to supplement the school budget.

David Twombly requested Dr. Tyrell add the number of positions filled in each of the grants.

## 7.6 Service Animal Policy

Dr. Tyrell said Superintendent of Schools were notified of a new ADA regulation regarding the presence and use of service animals in local governmental building and programs, including public schools. Dr.

Tyrell requested School Committee to approve this policy for adoption to meet the March 15, 2011 deadline. She said she would bring the policy back at the next School Committee meeting for further discussion.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Moved to suspend policy BG – School Committee Policy Development and Adoption

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kevin Richardson

Move to approve Policy ACF – Service Animals for adoption.

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** David Twombly

Moved to reinstate Policy BG – School Committee Policy Development and Adoption.

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0

#### 7.7 Report on the Progress of Hull Public Schools – Further Discussion

Dr. Tyrell said that at the last meeting the Committee requested further discussion on her report on the progress of Hull Public Schools. She said she plans to give this report to the Advisory Board at the March 7, 2011 meeting.

Stephanie Peters asked to put this document in some type of narrative form and have administrators re-evaluate goals.

#### 8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Tyrell said the airlines could not accommodate the PHI student's return from El Salvador on Sunday, April 24, 2011 as originally planned. The new date would be Monday, April 25, 2011. This would mean students would miss one day of school. Dr. Tyrell said that Mr. Michael Devine, High School Principal, endorses this request.

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the amended dates for the PHI student trip to El Salvador to work with Habitat for Humanity from April 16 through April 25, 2011.

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0

Dr. Tyrell congratulated Nicole Heavern, High School senior, on her 1000<sup>th</sup> point of her basketball career on February 18, 2011 in a game against Rockland High School. Ms. Heavern is a credit to Hull High School, her parents and the Town of Hull.

Dr. Tyrell noted that the Hull High School Drama Program would be presenting *How to Succeed in Business* on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12, 2011. Tickets for this performance may be purchased online.

#### 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Kevin Richardson

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

CHA Development of Procedures

CHB School Committee Review of Procedures (ALSO: BGD)

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|--------|--------------------------------------|
| CHC    | Procedures Dissemination             |
| CHCA   | Approval of Handbooks and Directives |
| CHCA-R | Approval of Handbooks and Directives |
| CHD    | Administration in Policy Absence     |
| CL     | Administration Reports               |
| CLA    | Treatment of Outside Reports         |
| CM     | School District Annual Report        |

**VOTE:** AYES: 3-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Updates

School Committee will be meeting with the Advisory Board on Monday, March 7, 2011 at Town Hall to present the FY12 school budget.

Financial Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

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

Moved to accept the following donations:

- \$4,000.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Ice Hockey Program
- \$50.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Athletic Program
- \$505.00 to be used for funding Hull High School Theatre Arts Program

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters will meet with the president of Temple Beth Sholom regarding a letter School Committee received about moving the high school graduation to a Saturday.

Booster Club will be sponsoring a road race in April. More information to follow.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

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

Move to approve school warrants, 21S, 300, 301, 302, MT-111 and MT-211 as presented.

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** David Twombly

Move to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**Vote:** AYES: 3-0-0