

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

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
Maggie Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:04 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

Vote: AYES: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Jamie Simmons, High School Student Representative, reported on the following:

- Spring concert
- Leadership class presentation on core values
- Winter/spring sports rally
- AP exams
- Hull High Theatre Arts "A Year with Frog and Toad"
- Only two weeks left of school for seniors
- Courtyard will be open for remainder of year
- Final class cup competition is a community service project

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

None

The Superintendent and School Committee members took this time to made comments regarding Kevin Richardson's past six years on the School Committee and wished him luck on all future endeavors.

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 Advanced Placement Biology – Textbook Adoption – Mr. Michael Devine and Ms. Sheila Blair
Ms. Blair, Hull High School science teacher, discussed the following reasons for choosing the Advanced Placement Biology textbook entitled, Biology 9th Edition, Publisher Benjamin Cummings 2010.

- Student friendly
- Used in Introduction to Biology college course
- Includes web-based version
- Student quiz themselves

- Teacher interactive
- Funds in the FY11 budget for this purpose

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the AP Biology textbook as presented.

Vote: AYES: 4-0-0

7.2 Hull High School Science Grant

Ms. Sheila Blair informed the Committee that Hull High School has been awarded \$1,500 from EMD Serono to purchase materials to support the Science Department at the high school.

7.3 Hull High School Student Handbook – Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the following changes to the High School Student Handbook:

- New bell schedule
- Passing grade
- Dropping and adding subjects
- Exams
- Graduation ceremonies and senior events participation
- Student records
- Attendance policy
- Dismissal
- Tardiness
- Infractions and consequences
- Dances and social events
- Detention
- Search and seizure
- Bus transportation
- Senior privileges
- Student parking privileges

7.4 Memorial Middle School Student Handbook – Ms. Paula Maxwell

Ms. Paula Maxwell, Memorial Middle School Principal, presented the following changes to the Memorial School Student Handbook:

- Assemblies
- Food and drink – outside cafeteria
- Health screenings
- Bullying & cyber bullying
- Start and end times – will be added when determined

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve both the Hull High School Handbook and the Memorial Middle School Handbook as presented:

Vote: AYES: 4-0-0

7.5 School Choice

Dr. Tyrell said that each year School Committee members must vote on School Choice.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: David Twombly

Moved that Hull Public Schools not participate in School Choice for the 2011 -2012 school year.

Vote: AYES: 4-0-0

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Maggie Ollerhead. Policy Coordinator informed the Committee that, for consistency, there are slight changes to five policies that reflect the updates made to the 2011-2012 school handbooks.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kevin Richardson

Move to update the following policies to coincide with handbook changes:

Policy EEACE (also JICC) Student Conduct on School Buses

Policy JH Student Absences and Excuses

Policy JHA Student Tardiness

Policy JIH Interrogations and Searches

VOTE: AYES: 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Updates

The Budget Sub-committee met on May 9, 2011 to discuss the FY11 budget balances.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Kevin Richardson

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve school warrants, 26S, 315, 314, 313 and 312 as presented.

Vote: AYES: 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence

- Hull Boosters upcoming fundraisers include Jack of Spades round 2, Prize a Day calendar for June and Electronics Recycle Day on May 21st 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Hull High School Graduation – Saturday, June 4th at 1:00 p.m. at Hull High School
- Hull High School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m.
- Hull High School Theatre Arts children's performance – Friday, May 20th two shows during the school day for Jacobs School students. Public performances Friday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to consider the lease or value of real property and not to return to Open Session. An open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the School Committee.

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