

**MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 25, 2018 7:30 PM**  
**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order by School Committee Chair Liza O'Reilly at 7:34p.m.

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Carlos Da Silva, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma and Ed Schreier.

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, James LaBillois, John Ferris

Visitors Present: George Danis, Rick Swanson, Dan Coughlin, Kerry Ni, Donna Smallwood, Jaime Kenney, Katie Roberts, Aisha Oppong

**2. Proposed FY'19 Budget changes or updates.**

Dr. Galo reported that reductions to electricity and the outcome of a teacher's leave provided some revisions to the proposed preliminary budget. John Ferris reported that Hingham Light has modified their rate structure. Dr. Galo noted that she submitted responses to Liza O'Reilly's questions and addressed the additional FTE requests, including the differentiation between elementary and secondary adjustment counselors. Dr. LaBillois explained the request for HTSS core instructional materials, as well as discussions of PRS teaching sections, mathematics tutors, and other teaching FTE requests.

**3. School Committee Comments on the Budget Proposals for FY'19 Operating Budget.**

School Committee Chair Liza O'Reilly facilitated a discussion of the proposed operating budget priorities and perspectives. Discussion ensued relative to the middle school transition room, possible budget savings ideas and items to be cut. At this time, however, the Committee came to consensus to maintain the current proposed budget until after the joint meeting of the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen scheduled for February 6, 2018.

**4. Discuss Next Steps and Plan for 2/6/18 Meeting with ACES and Board of Selectmen.**

School Committee Chair Liza O'Reilly noted that this will be the last meeting of the Committee before the upcoming joint meeting. The Committee has been asked to keep the presentation to one hour. Ms. O'Reilly noted that she and Cynthia Galko have discussed some revisions to the presentation. Discussion then centered on the overall needs of the district and the most effective way to communicate these needs to the joint meeting.

**5. Discuss PTO Forum on January 31, 2018.**

Dr. Galo noted that the district received the questions for the upcoming PTO forum and the Committee discussed those questions directed to them. Dr. Galo reported that she is working to develop themes for the questions. The Committee also chose to discuss funding of full-day Kindergarten after the current budget season.

**6 48 Hour items.**

The Committee discussed new developments and upcoming meetings relative to the Group Insurance Commission's decision to unilaterally remove plan options to GIC members, including the Town of Hingham.

**7. Adjournment.**

On a motion by Cynthia Galko and seconded by Michelle Ayer,

It was

Voted: To adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Cynthia Galko

Documents Included in Meeting Packet

1-25-18 Agenda.docx 

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Item 5 Consolidated Forum Questions for SC.docx 

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LRO FY19 Budget questions.docx 

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