

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 6, 2015

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Estes at 7:38 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Estes, Carol Falvey, Caryl Falvey, Dennis Friedman, Liza O'Reilly, and Andy Shafter

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, Ellen Keane, John Ferris, Elizabeth Flynn

Visitors Present: Kathleen Jordan, Aylene Calnan, Cynthia Galko, Alec Porter, Tom Pyles, Brad Patterson, Carlos DaSilva, Donna Smallwood, Linda Kutsch, Chris Falvey, Margaret Conaty

2. Approval of Minutes. None**3. Communications.**

3.1 Brad Patterson reported on speaker Marianne Angelillo, ELA MCAS, final day of Term III, global speaker, international trips.

3.2 Ray Estes thanked Dennis Friedman for his service on the School Committee and on the Advisory Board.

Dr. Galo noted an email regarding proposed changes to the MPF usage restrictions.

4. Questions and Comments. None**5. Superintendent's Report**

- HPS School Calendar for FY16 had a revision. Dr. Galo requested input on the draft calendar.
- Dr. Galo reviewed a request from Su Escuela to expand current K-3 school to include grades 4 and 5. Dr. Galo suggested that the Community Outreach committee review the request and make recommendations to the School Committee, as has been past practice.
- Dr. Galo reviewed school-related 2015 Warrant articles 13, 24, 35 and 36 for Town Meeting.
- Full Day K update: 265 K packets were picked up (237 of those are listed in town census), 14 or 15 sections, 124 have submitted financial information: 115 will pay full tuition (3 families have requested half-day K).
- Good Friday make up day update: 90% student attendance at HMS, 81% at HHS, 84% to 94% at elementary schools.
- Storm-related damage update of costs and next steps.

6. New Business

6.1 The Committee heard from Hingham's legislative team (Rep. Garrett Bradley, Rep. Jamie Murphy and Senator Bob Hedlund's aide Ted Langill). Discussion focused on the Governor's proposed budget and likelihood of legislative adoption as well as specific special education cost concerns. Ray Estes thanked the legislative team.

6.2 John Ferris provided an update on design services for the PRS roof repair.

On a motion by Andy Shafter and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve up to \$35,000 fee for design services for the Plymouth River School permanent roof repair; such fee will include design, preparation of documents for permanent repairs, bid period services, and construction administration services, as well as reimbursable expenses. Ray Estes, Ed Schreier and Carol M. Falvey will serve on the design committee.

6.3 The Committee heard an update on the status of the proposed FY'16 Operating Budget. Dr. Galo reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, HPS April 6, 2015 Revised Operating and Capital Budget Proposals for the SC's Review, Consideration and Possible Adoption, if Revised, SC Budget including Remaining Options for Meeting \$150,495 "Gap" Target and Administrative Proposal for SC Consideration

School Committee Questions and Comments: Amount of savings from reduction of K midday transportation, +/- \$800,000 unexpended and returned to Town last year, possible increase in use of revolving accounts, support for approving SC budget at amount voted by Advisory Committee and Selectmen.

On a motion by Caryl Falvey and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve the FY'16 Operating Budget at \$45,413,720 as voted by the Advisory Committee and the Selectmen, to have the School Department prepare its specific proposal for living within the voted budget for SC in early May when actual enrollments and course sections needs are more clearly known, and for the School Department to monitor and report to the SC any changes of circumstance or new information that may occur between now and the May meeting.

6.4 The Committee continued discussion of a draft of proposed modifications of the Approved Use Schedule and Parking and Traffic Plans for the HHS Athletic Complex dated March, 2013 by the Planning Board. Ray Estes reviewed proposed revisions for the April 13, 2015 Planning Board meeting.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Sound until end of game, typically 8:00p.m., Hingham Youth Football start times for other league teams at 11:00 or 11:30a.m., change between proposed revisions at last School Committee meeting versus tonight, support for including play by play for Hingham Youth Football, decrease in number of required police officers, possible frequency of use of field for MIAA tournament or play-off game, position of Police Chief Peraino on decrease in police officers.

Athletic Director, Margaret Conaty, spoke to the proposed modifications for high school use formulated after more than a year of facility use and consultation with various team coaches. Margaret explained that she would like to be able to schedule 3 two-hour team practices back to back starting at 3pm and ending at 9pm. To achieve this, the MPF lights would need to remain on 30 minutes longer on Monday-Friday than currently permitted. In addition, Margaret answered questions relative to the request to extend the use of amplified sound until the end of games played

on Monday-Friday. Currently, the use of sound is restricted to twice per week until 7:30. The desire is to be able to announce scored goals until the conclusion of games played. When games start at 6pm, they are typically over between 7:30 and 7:45. Extending the use of sound amplified until 8pm when games are played would achieve the desired result. In response to a later audience comment expressing concern about limiting ability to play on Friday nights, Margaret explained that with the requested modifications, any games could be played on Friday night with lights and amplified sound until conclusion. With the exception of 3 Friday nights, amplified sound would shut off by 8pm and field lights by 9pm. Margaret also expressed a desire for Hingham to be able to host other teams for MIAA tournaments and special events, even when Hingham teams are not participating, as Hingham has been hosted by many other towns.

Audience Comments: Susan Rizzo, Hingham Youth Football board, spoke in support of “Play by Play” and start of games at 11:30a.m. in September. Jack Diamond, of HHS Field Hockey boosters, spoke in favor of proposed revisions. Chris Falvey spoke in favor of allowing more Friday night games.

6.5 The Committee received notification of the appointment of Evan Gadowski, paraeducator at Hingham High School effective March 9, 2015.

6.6 The Committee received notification of the resignation of Dana McNamee, Hingham High School science teacher.

6.7 The Committee received notification of the full year 15-16 alternative leave of absence of Amanda Smith, Hingham High School English teacher.

7. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

- Spring 2015 Coaching Appointments.
- Request to league and MIAA to include grade 8 in girls softball was approved.

8. Subcommittee Reports. None

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Carol M. Falvey and seconded by Andy Shafter,

It was

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Raymond C. Estes