

**MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND FY20 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

February 11, 2019

7:00 p.m.

School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street, Hingham, MA 02043

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Michelle Ayer at 7:00 p.m. She noted that the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the public hearing at 7.30 p.m. due to an error in posting.

School Committee members present: Michelle Ayer, Carlos DaSilva, Libby Lewiecki, Kerry Ni, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma, Edward Schreier.

Visitors present: George Danis, Elizabeth Wilcox, Emma Quilty, Jackie Sansone, Aisha Oppong, Carolyn Bixby, Victor Steele, Kelly Hoppe, and Joshua Ross.

Libby Lewiecki thanked the School Committee, School Department and town for support she has received over these past days and thanked the CPC for recommitting their funds.

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Kerry Ni,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on November 19, 2018 with edits as recommended by Liza O'Reilly and Kerry NI.

- 2.2 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos DaSilva,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee and the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee meeting held on December 6, 2019 with edits as recommended by Kerry NI.

- 2.3 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Kerry Ni,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Budget Work Session I held on January 3, 2019

- 2.4 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on January 7, 2019 with edits as recommended by Liza O'Reilly.

- 2.5 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Ed Schreier,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Budget Work Session II held on January 10, 2019. Liza O'Reilly, Ed Schreier, Carlos Da Silva and Libby Lewiecki voted Aye. Kerry Ni, Michelle Ayer and Kay Praschma abstained.

2.6 On a motion by Kerry Ni and seconded by Kay Praschma,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Site Visit to Maine held on January 11, 2019. Michelle Ayer, Kerry Ni and Kay Praschma voted Aye. Liza O'Reilly, Carlos Da Silva, Ed Schreier, and Libby Lewiecki Abstained as they were not at the site visit.

2.7 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2019 with one edit as suggested by Liza O'Reilly to add full statement from agenda when adjourning to executive session.

2.8 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Kerry Ni,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the School Committee and the Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee held on January 27, 2019 with the following edits: Libby Lewiecki was not present and it was agreed to meet on January 30th and not Feb. 6th.

3. Questions and Comments. None.

4. Superintendent's Report

- February 1, 2019 Enrollment was briefly discussed during the last meeting but since 2 members were not present, Dr. Galo wished to report on this again. It is important since the enrollment is up by 21 students. 6 of these are Kindergarten students.
- SSEC Budget Update: Every time there is a board meeting, the law says that the Collaborative is to provide a summary of the budget status. This is in the packet.
- Facilities Report for January and February 2019. Kerry Ni asked about the steam leaks reported at Foster School and whether these are a normal occurrence. John Ferris said that such steam leaks take place regularly during the winter. He did note that the number seems high.
- Upcoming Kindergarten Enrollment. Registration packets can be picked up after February break. Packets are due back by March 29th.
- Ed Schreier mentioned the solar panels going up at the HS. It was noted that these were donated and there was no charge for them.

5. Communications

- 5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent. A letter was sent by a parent regarding lack of access to a sporting event at East School. Apparently the elevator was out of order. Future discussions will take place about how such outages can best be communicated to the public.
- 5.2 Student Communications. Emma Quilty reported on athletics at the HS. Junior class participated in the National History Day competition and students hope to go to Nationals. 3 HHS choral students were accepted to the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Music Festival. They will perform on March 2nd. HHS continues with winter sports' slash the trash. Ashley Buckenridge was the high school's Poetry Outloud winner.
- 5.3 Other Communications. Michelle Ayer shared information on the forecast meeting, which she shared during the public hearing.

6. Public Hearing on the FY '20 Operating Budget

- Call to Order of Public Hearing. Michelle Ayer called the public hearing to order at 7:31 p.m.
- Presentation of the Administration's proposed FY '20 Operating Budget. John Ferris presented the budget. \$54,768,087 is the new operating budget recommendation after incorporating a few changes since the Board of Selectmen meeting, which now proposes a budget increase of 5.31%. Some of the changes included are 1 teacher retirement, increased the FDK offset since fees were increased, and includes a VoTech tuition. Also included are professional development money for the new superintendent and a stipend for a School Committee minute taker. Dr. Vinnes reported on the importance of the inclusion facilitator. James LaBillois confirmed that we are growing our capacity on what is currently being done. Liza O'Reilly asked about the language based pilot program. If this becomes established, can this be opened-up to other districts? Dr. Vinnes stated that it depends on how well it rolls out because it is a pilot program and depends on the teacher who takes the position. However, the goal is to expand it.
- Comments and questions about the proposed FY '20 Operating Budget. None

On a motion by Ed Schreier and seconded by Liza O'Reilly,

It was

Voted: To adjourn the Public Hearing and to resume the Open Meeting at 8.01 p.m.

7. New Business

- 7.1 The Committee discussed the Foster School Feasibility Study Warrant Article. Three warrant articles were voted on by the Board of Selectmen and two were voted on by the Advisory Committee. The maintenance warrant's language needs to be clarified for the Advisory Committee. Further discussions need to take place on the feasibility study. Michelle Ayer mentioned that Foster is the top priority for this town. John Ferris called the Committee's attention to slides that he included in the packet, which portray the project delay cost calculations of building a school. These calculations were based on the square footage of the school. These numbers are hypothetical, but give the Committee an idea of the numbers and increasing costs. Michelle Ayer mentioned that the efforts now need to be concentrated on the Statement of Interest (SOI) that will be submitted for a third time, in the hopes that Hingham will be accepted into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) program. Discussions ensued. John Ferris confirmed that the School Building Committee is meeting this Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Department Conference Room.
- 7.2 The Committee discussed a proposed draft of the 2018 Annual Report. The Committee received a request from the Selectmen's office to put an annual report together. There is a template used for these reports so there are a lot of similarities from year to year and new things are added from the current year. Information about the budget, student performance and new staff are included. It is due immediately after the break. A formal vote is not needed, but input from the School Committee members is welcome. Discussion ensued.
- 7.3 The Committee considered the home school application of Lavinia Claydon (grade 6) for the period December 3, 2018 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year; and Christian (grade 4) and Eloise Claydon (grade 2) for the 2018-2019 school year.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To approve the home school application of Lavinia Claydon (grade 6) for the period December 3, 2018 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year; and Christian (grade 4) and Eloise Claydon (grade 2) for the 2018-2019 school year.

7.4 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducator Stacy Lemieux at Hingham High School, effective January 18, 2019 and Lawrence Nkomo at East School. effective February 4, 2019.

7.5 The Committee received notification of the resignation of Kristina Ziniti, Kids in Action Teacher, effective January 31, 2019.

8. 48 Hour items. None

9. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Long Range Planning – John Ferris reported that a presentation with Capital Outlay took place. It was a good and productive meeting. Various discussions ensued.

Community Outreach – Subcommittee will meet Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Special Education – February meeting was postponed due to weather.

Salary & Negotiations – Subcommittee met Friday, February 8, 2019 and will be subject of discussion at tonight's executive session.

Ed Schreier mentioned that he attended the Plymouth River School (PRS) School Council meeting and the school is celebrating its 50th anniversary. PRS is asking for any memorabilia to showcase at their 50th celebration.

Kerry Ni mentioned the Pizza Palooza will be held on March 27, 2019 at Hingham High School (HHS).

Carlos Da Silva went to HHS School Council meeting on February 6, 2019 and spoke about their initiatives.

Liza O'Reilly commented as liaison to Foster School. RSVP by Wednesday.

Dr. Galo updated the Committee on the Beal Street project, which would effect the PRS district.

Carlos Da Silva mentioned the resolution June Gustafson proposed and asked if we should be drafting something. Liza O'Reilly suggested that we wait to see what else is coming with respect to the Governor's proposal. Michelle Ayer suggested that Carlos Da Silva update the resolution so that we have something ready to go. Carlos Da Silva will also have the safety resolution put up on the HPS webpage.

10. Adjourn to Executive Session

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to Open Session at 9:06 p.m., for the purpose of approval of Minutes of the Executive Session held on October 15, 2018; approval of Minutes of the Executive Session held on January 16, 2019, and discussion of contracts of non-union employees, the public discussion of which may be detrimental to the Committee's bargaining position

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kay Praschma

Documents Included:

[2-11-19 Agenda.pdf](#)

[2-11-19 Annotated Agenda.pdf](#)

[Item 2.1 11-19-18 minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.2 12-6-18 minutes with S&N.pdf](#)

[Item 2.3 1-3-19 Budget Work Session I Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.4 1-7-19 minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.5 1-10-19 Budget Work Session II minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.6 1-11-19 Minutes Site Visit to ME.pdf](#)

[Item 2.7 1-16-19 minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.8 1-27-19 SC with AdCom Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 4 2-1-19 Enrollment.pdf](#)

[Item 4 Facility Dept January 2019 Report.pdf](#)

[Item 4 SSEC 1-25-19.pdf](#)

[Item 6 FY 20 Budget Public Hearing 2.11.19.pptx](#)

[Item 7.1 Cost of Project Delay 2.11.19](#)

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[Item 7.2 2018 Draft Annual Report.pdf](#)

[Item 7.3 Claydon Homeschool.pdf](#)

[Item 9 School Committee Warrant Report.pdf](#)

[Item 10.1 10-15-18 Executive Session Minutes .pdf](#)

[Item 10.2 1-16-19 Executive Session Minutes.pdf](#)

[SC FYI MA Coalition for SpEd Funding.pdf](#)

[SC FYI MASC Legislative Bulletin.pdf](#)
