

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Hingham Town Hall 210 Central Street, Hingham, MA 02043

1. **Call to Order.**

After a special ceremony honoring Dr. Dorothy Galo's 57 years of service to the Hingham Public Schools, 18 years as a Superintendent, the meeting was called to order by Michele Ayer at 7:50PM.

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Carlos Da Silva, Liza O'Reilly, Ed Schreier, Libby Lewiecki and Nes Correnti

2. **Approval of Minutes**

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on March 25, 2019.

2.2. On a motion by Carlos Da Silva and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on April 8, 2019.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on April 22, 2019.

2.4. On a motion by Carlos Da Silva and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on April 29, 2019 subject to the addition of a roll call vote in Section 5: adjourn to Executive Session.

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

It was

Voted: to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on June 3, 2019.

3. **Questions and Comments.** None.

4. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Galo reported that she and Dr. Austin toured all six Schools on June 17th. Everyone was in good spirits as it was the last day of school. She stated that it was a successful year. Dr. Galo spent the day with Dr. Austin going over best school practices. They will spend the next two weeks transitioning Dr. Austin into his role as the new superintendent. Dr. Galo explained to the School Committee that she will be on vacation for the month of July, during which time Dr. Austin will be the Acting Superintendent.

5. **Communications**

- 5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent. Dr. Galo received a correspondence from the Town of Hingham asking for the School Committee to appoint a member to the Town's Master Planning Committee. HMS was invited to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
- 5.2 Student Communications. None

5.3 Other Communications. Chair Michelle Aye recognized incoming Superintendent Paul Austin as he was in attendance.

6. New Business

6.1 The Committee heard the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Annual Report. Timothy Miller-Dempsey, Co-Chair of SEPAC, presented an overview of past SEPAC activities and accomplishments, as well as the organization's future plans. SEPAC plans to continue its work of advising the School Committee, working with School Administration and working with parents and families. SEPAC will continue to advance its goals of Advocacy, Parent Support & Engagement and Education.

6.2 The Committee acted on contracts for the Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Business and Support Services.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To approve a three-year contract from 2019 -2022 for Assistant Superintendent, James LaBillois.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To approve a three-year contract from 2019 -2022 for Director of Business & Support Services, John Ferris.

6.3 The Committee discussed appointing a representative to the Town of Hingham Master Plan Committee. Chair Michelle Ayer appointed Liza O'Reilly as the School Committee representative to the Town of Hingham Master Plan Committee.

6.4 The Committee discussed the appointment of Dr. Paul Austin as Special Assistant to the Hingham School Committee for Transitional Matters and discussed Superintendent transition plans

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To appoint Dr. Paul Austin as a Special Assistant to the Hingham School Committee for Transitional Matters from June 17 to June 30, 2019.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To appoint Dr. Paul Austin as Acting Superintendent from July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 while Dr. Galo is on vacation.

7. 48 Hour Items. None

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Long Range Planning: Carlos Da Silva reported on the LRP June 4th meeting. They discussed the new HPS Master Plan. John Ferris and his team will try to get the Master Plan completed before the end of the Fiscal Year. John Ferris and his team met with the LRP and collectively they were able to allocate the Capital Budget money approved at Town Meeting. Ed Schreier will work with John to get an updated quote for the scoreboard at

HHS. Once the quotes are provided, LRP will meet and prepare a presentation to be shared with the full school committee in the near future. John Ferris updated the Committee on the status of the fire repairs to the of the HHS room. The insurance will cover the vast majority for the damage to the building.

Community Outreach: Libby Lewiecki reported on the June 4th meeting. They discussed the next step for Foster. Michelle Ayer will speak with the Hingham School Building Committee and ask them to invite the MSBA to tour Foster. The Community Outreach subcommittee was pleased that the capital money to develop a new website was kept in the budget. Community Outreach would like to encourage the community to follow the HPS Facebook page. The committee will work with the administration to post new items to the page and keep the community up-to-date on activities happening at the HPS. The next CO meeting will be on June 27th at 8:30AM.

SEPAC: Michelle Ayer reported that the next SEPAC meeting is on June 18th and that she will attend.

Salary & Negotiations: Liza O'Reilly announced that she will update the School Committee during the 6/17/2019 Executive Session.

HHS School Council: Carlos Da Silva reported that the Council met on June 5th and they discussed FY 2020 Improvement Plans.

9. Adjournment:

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To adjourn to Executive Session at 9:20PM, not to return to Open Session, for the purposes of approval of Minutes of the Executive Sessions held on March 25, 2019, April 29, 2019 and June 3, 2019; reviewing non-union administrator contracts; discussing strategy related to the collective bargaining process, and discussing matters related to the HEA Unit A collective bargaining contract; the public discussion of which may be detrimental to the Committee's bargaining position.

Michelle Ayer – aye Liza O'Reilly – aye
Carlos DaSilva – aye Libby Lewiecki – aye
Ed Schreier – aye Nes Correnti – aye

Respectfully Submitted By:
Carlos AF Da Silva

Documents Included

[6-17-19 Agenda.pdf](#)

[Item 2.1 3-25-19 Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 6.3 Hingham Master Plan Committee Memo.pdf](#)

[Item 2.2 4-8-19 Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 9a 3-25-19 Executive Session Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.3 4-22-19 Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 9b 4-29-19 Executive Session Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.4 4-29-19 Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 9c 6-3-19 Executive Session Minutes.pdf](#)

[Item 2.5 6-3-19 Minutes.pdf](#)

[SC FYI NAEP.pdf](#)