

HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

December 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA - Remote meeting via Zoom:

Dial-in number: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 881 4529 1490

Website: <https://zoom.us/join>

1. Call to Order

CHAIR COMMENT: This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes of School Committee Meeting held on November 12, 2020 (Coffee with the Superintendent)
- 2.2 Minutes of School Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2020
- 2.3 Minutes of School Committee meeting held on November 17, 2020 (Joint Meeting - Selectmen/AdCom)
- 2.4 Minutes of School Committee Meeting held on November 19, 2020

3. Questions and Comments.

The Hingham School Committee encourages community engagement and welcomes questions and comments as agenda items are discussed at the meeting. In addition, we have set aside up to fifteen minutes at the beginning of this meeting for comments or questions that fall under the purview of the School Committee and are not already on tonight's agenda. If any guests wish to speak, please come to the microphone, state your name and address, and address your comments to the Chairperson. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker and must relate to topics within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. As established by the Massachusetts General Laws, the responsibilities of the School Committee are to (1) select and to terminate the Superintendent, (2) review and approve budgets for public education in the district, and (3) establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the district. Speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner and to consider the privacy interests of others. The public comment period is not a time for debate or response to comments by the School Committee. The School Committee is not adopting or endorsing any of the comments made during the public comment period.

4. Superintendent's Report

- 4.1 Update on COVID-19 Metrics and Case Counts for the District
- 4.2 Update on Efforts to Increase K-2 In-Person Learning
- 4.3 Holiday Travel Reminders
- 4.4 Update on District Wi-Fi

5. Communications

- 5.1 Student Communications
- 5.2 Communications Received by the Superintendent
- 5.3 Other Communications

6. Unfinished Business
 - 6.1 To review the proposed FY22 Guiding Principles.
 - 6.2 To hear an update on the FY21 HPS Operating Budget.
 - 6.3 To discuss the expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the Hingham High School Fields Project account for the installation of safety netting on the left side boundary of the Hingham High School varsity softball field, and act as appropriate.

7. New Business
 - 7.1 To receive the Superintendent's Proposed Goals for 2020 -2021 and act as appropriate.
 - 7.2 To receive the Proposed School Committee Special Reports Calendar for 2020-2021.
 - 7.3 To consider the Home School Application for student MQ (Grade K) for FY 2021 and act as appropriate.
 - 7.4 To receive notification of the appointments of Marianne Gates, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Recording Secretary to the School Committee, effective 11/17/20; Benjamin Miele, Administrative Assistant to Student Services, effective 11/17/20.
 - 7.5 To receive notification of the resignations for the 2020-2021 school year of Paraprofessional Emily Francis, effective 11/19/20.

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports
Warrants Signed

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

10. Adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to Open Session, for the purposes of:
 1. Approving minutes of the Executive Session held on November 16, 2020
 2. Discussing strategy related to collective bargaining negotiations with HEA Units A, C, D & AAthe public discussion of which may be detrimental to the committee's bargaining position.

NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, December 21, 2020 – 7:00 PM via Zoom

Monday, January 11, 2021 – 7:00 PM via Zoom

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