

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 12, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chair Kerry Ni called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She stated that the meeting was 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. Attendees were advised that the meeting and all communications during the meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. Any participant who wished to record the meeting was asked to notify the chair at the start of the in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. Chair Ni advised that the Harbor Media was recording the session. No other participants indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Members Present: Kerry Ni, Carlos A.F. DaSilva, Libby Lewiecki, Liza O'Reilly, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, Jennifer Benham

Central Office Present: Superintendent Paul Austin, Ph.D. and Assistant Superintendent James LaBillois, Ed.D.

Visitors Present: No sign in as this was a remote meeting.

2. The Committee discussed a potential travel policy revision. Chair Ni stated that she hopes that families will read and follow the policy. Dr. Austin shared that he has filmed a public service announcement with Harbormedia regarding travel during school vacation, and the opportunities for COVID testing that will be made available to school families at the end of the vacation week. The Committee discussed ways families can inform the schools of their travel plans. Liza O'Reilly stressed the importance of testing, even for people who have already been vaccinated. Dr. Austin noted that the travel policy is following state guidelines.

Questions and Comments from the Community included:

- A question regarding the fee for COVID testing at the Mpathy site in Hingham.
- A question from HEA president June Gustafson, asking if staff will have access to the scheduled pool testing and other testing at the Mpathy site

Dr. Austin stated that staff would have access to the testing. He also stated that the policy has been the same all year, in that if students have any symptoms, they are asked not to report to school.

On a motion by Libby Lewiecki and seconded by Michelle Ayer,

It was

Voted to adopt the Recreational Travel & Mandatory Self-Quarantine Policy (File 1.3, 6.4, 6.10)

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jennifer Benham - aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos AF Da Silva – aye

Libby Lewiecki – aye

Liza O'Reilly – aye

Kerry Ni – aye

3. Other items that may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting: none

4. On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,
It was
Voted: To Adjourn at 6:16PM

Michelle Ayer – aye
Jennifer Benham - aye
Nes Correnti – aye
Carlos AF Da Silva – aye
Libby Lewiecki – aye
Liza O'Reilly – aye
Kerry Ni – aye

Respectfully Submitted By:
Libby Lewiecki

Documents Included:

 Agenda_2021_0412.pdf 

 Potential Travel COVID Policy Update.pdf 
