

**Hingham School Committee  
Joint Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

March 25, 2021

7:00 PM

Remote meeting via Zoom:

Dial-in number:

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

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

School Committee Members present: Kerry Ni, Carlos DaSilva Ni, Libby Lewiecki, Jen Benham, Nes Correnti, Liza O'Reilly

Admin présent: Dr. Paul Austin, Dr. Jamie LaBillois

Advisory Committee members present: Robert Curley, Davalene Cooper, Julie Strehle, Tina Sherwood, Nancy MacDonald, Brenda Black, Dave Anderson, Andrew McElaney, Evan Sheehan, Eryn Kelley, George Danis, Victor Baltera, Alan Macdonald, Kristen Dziergowski

BOS members present: Mary Power, Joe Fisher, Bill Ramsey

**1. Call to Order.**

The school Committee was called to order at 7:05 PM.

**2. To attend and participate in a joint session with Advisory Committee**

Rob Curley announced that the present proposed budget for FY 21-21 has a zero balance.

J. Strehle shared a draft comment regarding Article 6 which states the FY 22 budget faces the challenges from the COVID pandemic in the town and school departments. It relies on \$5M (\$2.4M from Fund Balance plus \$2.6 from federal stimulus money). If Town Meeting approves the budget the town will require a collective effort to sustain it in FY23 and beyond, or face the challenge of contracting services. She added that the Adcom and BOS unanimously voted for the school budget. Total federal stimulus will be used to fund 36 FTEs (32 new school employees and four new municipal employees.

Bob Curley read each budget item, recommendations from the liaison were provided; holds were placed if desired; a vote was taken on the base budget; held items were voted; additional requests were voted.

BOS: recommended

Human Resources: recommended  
Reserve Fund: recommended  
Town Accountant: recommended  
Information Technology: recommended  
Assessors: recommended  
Treasurer Collector: recommended  
Legal Services: recommended  
Town Meeting: recommended  
Town Clerk: recommended  
Elections: recommended  
Conservation Commission: recommended  
Community Planning: recommended  
Land Use and Development: recommended  
Bare Cove Park: recommended  
Town Hall: recommended  
Grand Army Memorial Hall: recommended  
Public Safety: recommended  
Fire Department: recommended  
Dispatch Services: recommended  
Building Commissioner: recommended  
Animal Control: recommended  
Harbor Master: recommended  
Public Safety Utilities: recommended  
**Education: recommended**  
Highway/Recreation/Tree and Park: recommended  
Landfill Recycling: recommended  
Sewer Commission: recommended  
Health Department: recommended  
Elder Services: recommended  
Veterans Services: recommended  
Health Imperatives: recommended  
South Shore Womens Center: recommended  
Library: recommended  
Recreation Commission: recommended  
Trustees of the Bathing Beach: recommended  
Historical Commission: recommended  
Celebration: recommended  
Country Club: recommended  
Wier River Water System: recommended  
Debt Service: recommended  
Employee Benefits Group Insurance: recommended (held by V. Baltera in order to abstain)  
Other Post Employment Benefits: recommended (held by V. Baltera in order to abstain)  
Contributory Retirement: recommended  
Worker's Compensation: recommended  
Unemployment: recommended  
Mandatory Medicare: recommended

Property and Liability insurance: recommended  
Unclassified: recommended

Vote on all items except the two held by V. Baltera: all in favor.  
Vote on Group Insurance and OPEB: all in favor, with V. Baltera abstaining.

Tom Mayo and Michelle Monsegur provided a slideshow with 8 additional requests.

J. Strehele defended why she supports the 8 additional requests. AdCom deliberated. Eight affirmative recommendations from the liaisons were provided. AdCom voted all in favor on all eight.

AdCom discussed the Capital Outlay budget including a School Capital Outlay of \$1,018,???. AdCom voted all in favor.

**3. On a motion made by C. DaSilva and seconded by L. Lewiecki it was voted to adjourn the School Committee at 9:50 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Libby Lewiecki, School Committee Secretary