

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May 10, 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, Nes Correnti, Jennifer Benham

Central Office Present: Superintendent Paul Austin, Ph.D.

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

2. Executive Session: On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Nes Correnti, it was **voted**:

To enter into Executive Session and to reconvene in Open Session

1. To discuss strategy regarding negotiations with the Bus Drivers and Food Service Workers associations for collective bargaining agreements for 2020-2023
2. To discuss strategy regarding negotiations with HEA Unit A regarding an MOA for the reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year
3. To discuss strategy regarding negotiations with non-union personnel for contract negotiations
4. To approve the minutes of the Executive Session on April 26, 2021

the public discussion of which would be detrimental to the Committee's bargaining position.

Jennifer Benham - aye
 Nes Correnti - aye
 Carlos A.F. DaSilva - aye
 Libby Lewiecki – aye
 Liza O'Reilly – aye
 Kerry Ni – aye

The meeting entered into Executive Session at 6:02.

3. Chair Ni reconvened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Chair Ni re-read the above statement regarding remote meetings and recording and advised that Harbor Media was recording the session.

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

Jennifer Benham

Central Office Present: Dr. Paul Austin, and John Ferris

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

Chair Ni thanked all the town voters for supporting the FY 22 budget that was approved at Town Meeting. The Committee also acknowledged member Libby Lewiecki for her service to the School Committee.

Action from Executive Session

- 3.1 On a motion by Libby Lewiecki and seconded by Michelle Ayer,
It was **voted**: To allow school administrators to roll over vacation days in perpetuity

Michelle Ayer - aye
Jennifer Benham - aye
Nes Correnti - aye
Carlos A.F. DaSilva - aye
Libby Lewiecki – aye
Liza O’Reilly – aye
Kerry Ni – aye

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 On a motion by Carlos AF Da Silva and seconded by Michelle Ayer,
It was **voted**: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on April 26, 2021

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

- 4.2 On a motion by Carlos AF Da Silva and seconded by Michelle Ayer,
It was **voted**: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on May 8, 2021

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

5. Questions and Comments from the Community: There were no questions at this time.

6. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Austin gave a presentation that included:

- COVID-19 Update
- In-person learning update

- Details of high school schedules

Questions and Comments from the Community included:

- A question about early dismissal
- A concern regarding the length of class time
- Questions about the Directed Study period

6.1 End of the year activities: High School Principal Rick Swanson discussed upcoming Senior class activities such as testing, special events, and graduation. Questions and Comments included:

- A question about a rain date for graduation
- Questions about Junior class activities

Principal Swanson stated that class officers are working on finalizing the details of the activities and more information would be forthcoming.

7. Communications

7.1 Student Communication: none

7.2 Communications Received by the Superintendent: none

7.3 Other Communications: none

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 To consider proposed policy manual Section K (Community Relations) in form:

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

It was **voted:** To approve Policy Manual Section K in form

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jennifer Benham - aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos AF Da Silva – aye

Libby Lewiecki – aye

Liza O'Reilly – aye

Kerry Ni – aye

8.2 To Consider policy sections that have been approved in form:

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

It was **voted:** To approve the revised Policy Manual and rescind the previous version

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jennifer Benham - aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos AF Da Silva – aye

Libby Lewiecki – aye

Liza O'Reilly – aye

Kerry Ni – aye

8.3 Dr. Austin stated that the newly formed Reopening Committee will have its first meeting on May 12 and would like to have representation from the School Committee.

Chair Ni appointed Committee member Jen Benham to be a member of the Reopening Committee.

9. New Business

9.1 HMS Council Report: Middle School Principal Derek Smith shared a presentation that included:

- previous goals and progress
- images of creative ways space is being used as students return to in-person learning, such as holding music classes outdoors
- Proposed goals for the next school year

9.2 HHS Council Report: High School Principal Rick Swanson shared a presentation that included:

- Acknowledgement of the challenges caused by the pandemic
- A review of goals and progress
- Details of student programs that have been ongoing this year
- Goals for next school year

9.3 School Choice:

The Committee held a public hearing to consider a resolution withdrawing from participation in the state's School Choice Program for 2021-2022.

On a motion by Carlos AF DaSilva and seconded by Michelle Ayer,

It was **voted**: To withdraw from the School Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jennifer Benham - aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos AF Da Silva – aye

Libby Lewiecki – aye

Liza O'Reilly – aye

Kerry Ni – aye

9.4 The Committee acknowledged receiving notification of the HHS Spring Coaching Recommendations submitted by Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni.

9.5 Home School Application: The Committee noted having received a homeschool application and

On a motion by Carlos AF DaSilva and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was **voted**: To approve the application for grade 5 student JL for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jennifer Benham - aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos AF Da Silva – aye

Libby Lewiecki – aye

Liza O'Reilly – aye

Kerry Ni – aye

9.6 Election of School Committee Officers

The Committee reviewed the process of electing officers, and discussed a deadline to submit self-nomination forms

9.7 SEPAC Town Hall: Dr. Austin stated that he attended a recent meeting of SEPAC which was held in person, at the Middle School.

9.8 KIA rates: Director of Business John Ferris and KIA Director Jackie Sansone discussed the proposed increase in the rates for the Kids in Action program for the 2021-2022 school year

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos AF DaSilva,
It was **voted:** To approve the rate increase for KIA for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended

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

10. Subcommittee and Project Reports/ Warrants Signed

Michelle Ayer reported that last week there was a METCO meeting, a SEPAC forum was held, the Special Education Subcommittee met the previous week, and that there is an upcoming Foster Building Committee meeting.

Jen Benham reported that there is an upcoming Foster School Council meeting.

Carlos AF DaSilva reported that there will be an event to benefit SNAP on June 11, and also reported that the Plymouth River School Council met today regarding the windows project.

Libby Lewiecki reported that there is a South School Council meeting this week.

Liza O'Reilly reported that the Middle School Council will meet next week and that the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee will be meeting on the 19th with the Food Service Workers' Union.

Kerry Ni reported that the Policy Subcommittee is in the process of working on student handbooks.

11. Other items not reasonably known 48 hours in advance of the meeting: none

12. Adjourn

On a motion by Libby Lewiecki and seconded by Michelle Ayer

It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 9:09 PM

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:



Item 8.2 Policy Sections



Agenda_2021_0510.pdf



Annotated Agenda_2021_0510.pdf



Item 4 j section - merged.pdf



Item 4.1 April 26, 2021 Minutes.pdf



Item 4.2 5_8_21 School Committee Minutes.pdf



Item 4.2 May 4, 2021 Policy Minutes.pdf



Item 6 Superintendent's Update_2021_0510.pdf



Item 8.1 K Section.pdf



Item 9.1 HMS School Council Report 2021.pdf



Item 9.2 HHS School Council Report.pdf



Item 9.3 School Choice Program.pdf



Item 9.4 Updated Spring Coaching Recommendations.pdf



Item 9.5 Homeschool Application.pdf



Item 9.6 Procedure for Election of School Committee Officers form



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Item 9.7 SEPAC Town Hall MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE.pdf



Item 9.8 Kids in Action Yearly Fee Schedule Proposal.pdf



Item 10 Warrants Signed.pdf