

May 24, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Senior member of the School Committee Liza O’Reilly 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. Liza O’ Reilly advised that the Harbor Media was recording the session. No other participants indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Liza O’Reilly welcomed newly elected member, Tim Dempsey.

Members Present: Kerry Ni, Carlos A.F. DaSilva, Liza O’Reilly, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, Jennifer Benham, and Tim Dempsey

Central Office Present: Superintendent Paul Austin, Ph.D., Susan D’Amato

Also present: Select Board member Joe Fisher

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

1.1 On a motion by Carlos A.F. DaSilva and seconded by Michelle Ayer, **it was voted:**

To elect Kerry Ni as Chair of the School Committee

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

1.2 On a motion by Carlos A.F. DaSilva and seconded by Nes Correnti, **it was voted:**

To elect Michelle Ayer as Vice-Chair of the School Committee

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

- 1.3 On a motion by Carlos A.F. DaSilva and seconded by Michelle Ayer, **it was voted:**
To elect Nes Correnti Secretary of the School Committee

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

2. **Executive Session:** On a motion by Liza O’Reilly and seconded by Michelle Ayer, it was **voted:**

To enter into Executive Session and to reconvene in Open Session

1. To discuss entering into an MOA with the Bus Drivers’ Union
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 the Food Service Workers associations for collective bargaining agreements for 2020-2023
4. To approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 10, 2021

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

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

The meeting entered into Executive Session at 6:06.

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, and welcomed new member Tim Dempsey.

Members Present: Kerry Ni, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, Carlos A.F. DaSilva, Liza O’Reilly, Jennifer Benham, and Tim Dempsey

Central Office Present: Dr. Paul Austin, Dr. James LaBillois, Dr. Suzanne Vinnes, John Ferris, and Susan D’Amato

Also present: Select Board member Joe Fisher

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

Chair Ni welcomed new member Tim Dempsey and thanked the Committee for supporting her as Chair for the coming year.

- 4.1 Action from Executive Session:
On a motion by Liza O’Reilly and seconded by Michelle Ayer, it was **voted:**

To ratify the MOA with Hingham Public Schools Bus and Van Drivers Association for the 2021-2023 School Years

Michelle Ayer - aye
Jennifer Benham - aye
Nes Correnti - aye
Carlos A.F. DaSilva - aye
Tim Dempsey - aye
Liza O'Reilly – aye
Kerry Ni – aye
And
Joe Fisher - aye

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Nes Correnti,
It was **voted:** To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on May 10, 2021

Michelle Ayer – aye
Jennifer Benham - aye
Nes Correnti – aye
Carlos AF Da Silva – aye
Tim Dempsey - abstained
Liza O'Reilly – aye
Kerry Ni – aye

- 4.2 On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Nes Correnti,
It was **voted:** To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on May 18, 2021

Michelle Ayer – aye
Jennifer Benham - aye
Nes Correnti – aye
Carlos AF Da Silva – aye
Tim Dempsey - abstained
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
- Reopening Committee
- End-of-the year activities: Elementary Principals Melissa Smith, Beth Wilcox, Mary Eastwood, and Tony Keady gave a brief report on end of the year activities at each of their schools, and Principal Derek Smith gave a brief report on end of the year activities planned at the Middle School.

7. Communications

- 7.1 Student Communication: Carly Kennedy: Ms. Kennedy reported that the Drama Club had its first in-

person performance recently. She stated that the Senior class finished the traditional hand print mural, and held the annual car parade last weekend. Ms. Kennedy reported that the Boys' Tennis team decorated the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. She also reported that AP exams are almost over. She reported that the seniors attended a virtual class "Credit for Life" where they learn about finances and budgeting as they move into the next phase of their lives. She stated that Spirit Week happened the week before and had great participation from all levels. Ms. Kennedy ended her report noting that the Senior Class is looking forward to many events such as Senior Night, prom, and graduation.

Chair Ni thanked Ms. Kennedy for her time and participating this year as the student liaison to the School Committee.

7.2 Communications Received by the Superintendent: none

7.3 Other Communications: none

8. Unfinished Business: none

9. New Business

Chair Ni requested to take items 9.7 and 9.8 before the other new business items, to allow the principals to present their reports, and the Committee agreed.

9.7 The Committee heard a report of the Plymouth River School Council presented by Principal, Melissa Smith.

9.8 The Committee heard a report of the Foster Elementary School Council presented by Principal Beth Wilcox.

9.1 Chair Kerry Ni appointed Carlos A.F. DaSilva to the Climate Action Committee

9.2 Dr. Austin gave a presentation on Strategic Planning detailing the planning phases, and the next steps to be taken along with a timeline to guide the development of the plan.

9.3 and 9.9 The Committee discussed the process of receiving reports during the year, as well as consolidating and reorganizing the list of reports to be given.

9.4 The Committee discussed the reorganization of subcommittees as well as suggestions of new subcommittees. Chair Ni asked the members to email her by June 1st as to which Subcommittees they would like to be the liaison and appointments will be made at the next meeting.

9.5 The School Committee noted upcoming meeting dates and a likely change to in-person meetings in the near future. The Committee agreed to keep the summer meeting schedule as it is, and to update it if necessary.

9.6 Director of Business John Ferris and The Committee discussed that the Governor has proclaimed Juneteenth (June 19th) a state holiday and the proposal to add the day as a paid holiday for certain employees that work year-round.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Nes Correnti,
It was **voted:**

To add Juneteenth as a holiday for Administrators, Custodians and Full Year Administrative Assistants unless it falls on a Saturday. School year Administrative Assistants employees will also be eligible for Juneteenth unless it falls on Saturday, and further provided the school year ends after Juneteenth.

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

10. Subcommittee and Project Reports/ Warrants Signed

- Michelle Ayer reported that the Special Education Subcommittee met recently and discussed the recently approved FY ’22 budget.
- Jen Benham reported that she attended the meeting of the Reopening Committee as well as the Foster School Council meeting.
- Nes Correnti noted the signed warrants in the packet
- Carlos A.F. DaSilva reported he attended a SNAP event and they placed flags on veterans’ graves, and noted that SNAP has its annual cocktail party on June 11th.
- Liza O’Reilly reported that there are ongoing negotiations with the Food Service Workers’ Union, and that the Middle School Council had their last meeting
- Kerry Ni reported that the Policy Subcommittee meeting met and will be discussing a new field policy proposed by the Town.

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




































12. Adjourn

On a motion by Michelle Ayer, and seconded by Tim Dempsey
It was
Voted: To Adjourn at 9:20 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted By:
Nes Correnti

Documents Included:

 Agenda_2021_0524 Revised.pdf 
 Annotated Agenda_2021_0524.pdf 
 Elementary End of Year Activities.pdf 
 Item 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 - Ballot 5-24-21.pdf 
 Item 4.1 May 10, 2021 Minutes.pdf 
 Item 4.2 May 18, 2021 Minutes.pdf 
 Item 6 Superintendent's Update May 24.pdf 
 Item 9.2 School Committee Presentation of Strategic Planning.pdf 
 Item 9.3 2021-2022 Proposed School Committee Subcommittees.pdf 
 Item 9.3 File_ LBC RELATIONS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.pdf 
 Item 9.6 Juneteenth Holiday.pdf 
 Item 9.7 PRS School Improvement Plan 2020-2021.pdf 
 Item 9.8 Foster School Improvement Plan '21-'23 (2).pdf 
 Item 9.8 Foster School Improvement Plan 19.20 w_notes.pdf 
 Item 9.8 Foster SIP Presentation 5.24.21.pdf 
 Item 9.9 CLA - Schedule - Hingham Suggestion.pdf 
 Item 9.9 Proposed CLA- ANNUAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE.pdf 
 Item 10 Warrants Signed.pdf 