

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 7, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

School Committee Chair Kerry Ni called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Kerry 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, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, Carlos A.F. DaSilva, Liza O'Reilly, Jennifer Benham, and Tim Dempsey

Central Office Present: Superintendent Dr. Paul Austin, Assistant Superintendent Dr. James LaBillois, Director of Business and Support Services John Ferris, and Director of Human Resources Susan D'Amato

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

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 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 24, 2021

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

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

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Austin gave a presentation that included:

- COVID-19 Update
- Update on the recent meeting of the Reopening Committee

Questions/Comments included:

- A question as to whether masks would be required in school during summer programs
- A question about school policy with regard to DESE guidelines

5. **Communications**

Dr. Austin thanked all the teachers, staff, families, and students for all their hard work in getting through this most challenging year.

Kerry Ni noted that the training for new member Tim Dempsey will take place on June 21st.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

6.1 Chair Kerry Ni thanked the other members of the Committee for their willingness to serve on Subcommittees and noted the list of new Subcommittee assignments in the packet.

6.2 Dr. Austin gave a brief presentation on Kindergarten Enrollment numbers for September for each school, and noted the number of tuition waivers requested and granted. He also noted that almost all of the students enrolled plan to attend for the full day.

6.3 The Committee discussed the format for the next School Committee meeting which will be in person, as the State of Emergency will be lifted. Dr. Austin reported that Harbor Media will be coming this week to discern what capabilities they have to broadcast live for people to participate remotely, if they so choose.

7. **New Business**

7.1 The Committee heard a report of the East School Council, presented by Principal Anthony Keady.

7.2 The Committee heard a report of the South School Council, presented by Principal Mary Eastwood.

7.3 Chair Kerry Ni noted that information regarding School Committee Meeting Operating Protocols was in the packet. There was no discussion.

7.4 The School Committee discussed appointing a member or designee to participate in the selection of a designer for the Foster School Feasibility Study.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Carlos A.F. DaSilva,

It was **voted**: To appoint Michelle Ayer as the School Committee representative to participate in the review, interview, and selection of a Project Designer for the Foster School Feasibility Study

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jennifer Benham - aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos A.F. DaSilva – aye

Tim Dempsey - aye

Liza O'Reilly – aye

Kerry Ni – aye

8. **Subcommittee and Project Reports/ Warrants Signed**

Nes Correnti reported that there are some signed warrants in the packet, and also noted that the East School Council meeting was held the previous week. Nes Correnti also reported that the Equity and Inclusion Audit work is progressing, including Courageous Conversations that are ongoing.

Carlos A.F. DaSilva reported that SNAP has its last meeting of the year this week and that the annual SNAP Cocktail Party is on June 11 at South Shore Country Club.

Liza O'Reilly reported that on June 16th, the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee will have negotiations with the Food Service Workers' Union.

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

10. **Adjourn**

On a motion by Michelle Ayer, and seconded by Nes Correnti





























It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 8:26 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted By:
Nes Correnti

Documents Included:

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-  [Agenda_2021_0607.pdf](#) 
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-  [Annotated Agenda_2021_0607.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 2.1 05_24_21 Minutes.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 4 Superintendent's Update 06.07.21.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 6.1 2021-2022 School Committee Subcommittee and Liaison Assignments.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 6.2 Kindergarten Enrollment Update 06.07.21.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 7.1 East School Council Improvement Plan 21-22.doc.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 7.1 East School Improvement Plan Presentation 2020-2021.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 7.2 School CommitteeSIP Presentation 2021 June 7.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 7.2 South Elementary School Improvement Plan 20-21 with status.docx.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 7.2 South School Council School Improvement Plan Progress Highlights.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 7.3 DRAFT Hingham School Committee.pdf](#) 
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-  [Item 8 Warrants Signed.pdf](#) 
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-  [SSEC Update.pdf](#) 
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