

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 7, 2021

Remote via Zoom Webinar

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by Kerry Ni.

Chair Kerry Ni read the following statement: This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.

Members participating remotely: Chair Kerry Ni, Vice-Chair Michelle Ayer, Secretary Nes Correnti, Liza O'Reilly Carlos DaSilva, Jen Benham, and Tim Dempsey

Central Office Members participating remotely: Interim Superintendent Dr. Gary Maestas and Director of Business and Support Services John Ferris

Guests participating remotely: Kevin Quilty, Don Rakauskas, Deb McCarthy, and Ray Estes representing the Hingham Sports Partnership, as well as Hingham High School Principal Rick Swanson and Hingham High School Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni

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

Community Preservation Committee Grant Application:

Kevin Quilty and Dan Rakauskas of Hingham Sports Partnership explained the proposed CPC application which involves renovating a storage garage located next to the athletic track at the High School into a wellness center for student use. Mr. Quilty stated that at this time, they are looking for the School Committee's permission to go through the study to see if the project is feasible and if so, later would come back to the School Committee with more detailed project plans as well as fundraising proposals. The Committee discussed the project and the need for a facility like this at the High School. Dr. Maestas described the CPC application process stating that this would just be the first phase to determine if the project can be done. High School Principal Rick Swanson and High School Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni both spoke in support of the idea. Vice-Chair Michelle Ayer clarified that all that is being done today would be for the Committee to approve the Hingham Sports Partnership to go forward to determine feasibility. Ray Estes explained the phased approach that would need to be taken for this project. Liza O'Reilly asked that the language on the application clearly state that the School Committee is only endorsing feasibility funds.

- On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Nes Correnti
It was **voted:** To endorse Hingham Sports Partnership to submit an application for a Community Preservation Committee grant to fund preliminary work to determine the feasibility of remodeling the structure formally used as the concession stand at the HHS multi-purpose field to facilitate a health and wellness center.

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jen Benham- aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos A.F. DaSilva - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye
Liza O’Reilly - aye
Kerry Ni – aye

Dr. Maestas agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the School Committee clarifying tonight’s vote to be submitted with the CPC application.

Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting:

The Committee reviewed and collectively edited a draft description of the Superintendent Candidate Profile to prepare for the search for a permanent Superintendent.

Adjourn:

- On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Liza O’Reilly
It was **voted**: To adjourn at 5:35 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted By:
Nes Correnti

Documents Included:

	10.07.21 Agenda.pdf	
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	Health and Wellness Center Project Outline .pdf	
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	Superintendent Candidate Profile 2draft.docx	
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	The Dock Renderings for school committee.pdf	
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