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Hingham School Committee Superintendent Search Screening Committee

During the October 5, 2021 meeting, the Hingham School Committee voted to establish a Superintendent Search Screening Committee including 11 members to assist in reviewing candidates.

The Screening Committee members represent a balance of staff and community members who have a strong understanding of the responsibilities of the superintendent. The School Committee invited select groups to appoint their representatives including the School Principals, Teachers, the Town Administrator, PTOs and Students. The School Committee agreed by consensus for two members of the School Committee's Salary & Negotiations subcommittee to serve on the Screening Committee including Liza O'Reilly to serve as Chair and Kerry Ni to serve as Vice Chair. In addition, the School Committee jointly named a School Department Central Office staff member, the METCO Director and one At-Large community member.

The School Committee received five applications for the At-Large position. Chair Kerry Ni explained, "We had a difficult choice to make from excellent applicants who represented a wide range of skills and experiences from our community. Based on the expertise of the appointed members, we looked for specific talents, demographics and understandings of the Hingham Public Schools to create a committee that will seek a student-focused leader."

While the School Committee has the sole authority to appoint the superintendent, the Hingham School Committee appointed a Screening Committee to assist in the superintendent search process to ensure meaningful representation of community and school stakeholders. The Screening Committee responsibilities include reviewing applications, interviewing chosen candidates from the applicant pool and recommending several candidates to the School Committee for further consideration.

The members of the 2021 Superintendent Search Screening Committee are:

School Committee

Liza O'Reilly, Chair

Liza O'Reilly was first elected in 2013, is in her third term and has served as Chair and Vice Chair of the School Committee. She currently serves as the Chair of the Salary & Negotiations and Wellness subcommittees, and represents the School Committee on the Town Master Plan committee. She is also active with the League of Women Voters of Hingham. Currently, she provides organizational leadership and development services to non-profit organizations after working in the Sports Marketing industry for 20 years, including 14 years at Reebok International. She earned a B.S. degree from Carnegie-Mellon University. Liza and her husband have lived in Hingham for 30 years with their three children who all attend or graduated from Hingham Public Schools.

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School Committee

Kerry Ni, Vice Chair

Kerry Ni currently serves as the Chair of the Hingham School Committee. She was elected to the Committee in 2018, was re-elected to a second term in 2021. She is an attorney, an active Hingham volunteer, and the mom of two children with disabilities. She currently serves as the Vice President of South Shore SNAP (Special Needs Athletic Partnership) and as a board member of the Hingham Unity Council. She previously served as the President of the South Elementary PTO, as a member of the Hingham Middle School PTO, and as a Hingham SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) member. Kerry earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Boston University, a Master of Music degree from Mannes College of Music, and a J.D. degree from Fordham University School of Law.

Central Office

Dr. James LaBillois

James M. LaBillois, Ed.D. has served as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Hingham since July, 2016. He began his career as a school psychologist with Boston Public Schools (2003-2007) and has served as both the Director of Student Services and the Executive Director of Instruction for Norwell Public Schools (2007-2016). Dr. LaBillios remains active within educational communities across K-12 education and currently serves as the President of the South Shore Roundtable of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. Outside of K-12 education he has served as a consultant for the US Agency for International Development in Skopje, Macedonia. Dr. LaBillois holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton, NB, Canada), a Master of Arts in School Psychology from Mount Saint Vincent University (Halifax, NS, Canada), and a Doctor of Education in Special Education Policy and Administration from Boston University.

Principal/Asst. Principal

Jennifer Henriksen

Jennifer Henriksen has been an employee of the Hingham Public Schools since 1996, first as a Spanish and French teacher and since 2003 as one of the assistant principals at Hingham High School. Jennifer attended the Hingham Public Schools as did her husband and three adult children. She has served on various committees throughout her time at Hingham High, including but not limited to the design and implementation of a new schedule that provided common planning time for all core curricular areas with longer instructional blocks for all classes and implementing a new school start time. Most recently, Jennifer took the lead in the development and implementation of a block-schedule, hybrid-learning model to meet the needs of Hingham High School students during the global pandemic.

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Teacher

Heather Sullivan

Heather Sullivan has worked as a 7th & 8th grade English teacher at HMS since 1996. She received both her Bachelors and Master's degrees from Boston College. She has served as a class advisor, mentor, and poetry club leader, as well as serving on numerous professional committees such as the One Book One School, HMS Climate Committee, and Teachers Advisory Council. She is the liaison for the VFW Patriots Pen essay contest, a role she has cherished for a decade. She lives in Pembroke with her husband, Richard and two children, Holly (18) and Jack (13).

METCO Director

Carols Perez

Carols Perez has worked in the Hingham Public Schools for four years, as the K-12 METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) Director. In addition, she currently serves on the district's Equity Task Force Initiative and has served on multiple hiring committees. Carols earned a B.A. degree from Suffolk University, a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School. She comes from a family of Hingham METCO alumni (Class of 2010 & her brother is Class of 2017).

Student

Nathan Tesler

Nathan Tesler is a junior at Hingham High School. He was recently elected to the Hingham Public Schools Student Advisory Committee as the representative for the Class of 2023. He attended East Elementary School and Hingham Middle School. Nathan has been twice recognized in the Hingham High School Century Club for his academic achievement and was a two-time school champion and state qualifier in the National Geographic Bee. Outside of academics, Nathan rows on the varsity crew team, plays clarinet in the band, and is an accomplished jazz and rock keyboardist. He has taken music classes at both New England Conservatory and Berklee College of Music.

Public Official

Christine Smith

Christine Smith currently serves as the Chair of the South Shore Country Club Management Committee. She served two terms on the School Committee Member including two years as Chair. She has participated on numerous search committees including the current South Shore Country Club Executive Director, Hingham High School principal, Hingham Public Schools Assistant Superintendent, and 2018 Superintendent Search Screening Committee. She is the parent of three children and multiple nieces and nephews who've attended Hingham Public Schools. Christine earned a B.A. in Economics from Providence College.

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Parent/Guardian – PTO appointed

Dawn Murray

Dawn Murray currently works for the Hingham Historical Society as Manager of Community Engagement. She is in her third term as PTO President at East Elementary School after serving as chair of the Communications committee for two years. Dawn has served as the Hingham Newcomers Club President, and on the Hingham Women's Club and Wilder Nursery School boards. She has served on several East School hiring committees including for the new Adjustment Counselor, the Administrative Assistant and the Interim Principal. Prior to her work and volunteer experiences in Hingham, Dawn worked in Mutual Fund Accounting for State Street Bank (formerly Investors Bank & Trust) and in general sales and marketing for the American Hockey League (AHL) Team, the Lowell Lock Monsters. Dawn graduated from Skidmore College with a Bachelor of Science in Management and Business. She currently has a 4th grader and a 3rd grader at East Elementary School.

Parent/Guardian – PTO appointed

Joshua Ross

Joshua Ross currently serves as the co-president of the Hingham High School PTO and former president of the Middle School PTO. He owns a photography business and is part owner of the local on-line newspaper, where he's the managing sports editor and photographer. In his PTO and newspaper responsibilities, Joshua has worked closely with the previous two superintendents, school administrators, School Committee members, and the other five PTO organizations in the district. In May 2021, Joshua was elected to the Hingham Board of Assessors. He has both a BA in Speech Communication and MBA from Syracuse University. He has lived in Hingham for 15 years with his wife and two high school aged children.

At-Large Community Member

Glenn Mangurian

Glenn Mangurian is a 35-year, disabled Hingham resident and retired business executive. He has consulted to leaders in the private, college and public sectors. Glenn has published articles and was a frequent speaker on resilience, technology management, managing large scale change and business process improvement. He has taught high school mathematics and leadership (online and in the classroom) at the graduate college level. His volunteer experience includes not-for-profit board, academic business advisory and Massachusetts Trial Court Management. Glenn received his BS in mathematics and later MBA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He and his wife have two adult children and two grandchildren, one of which is a first grader in the Hingham Public Schools.