



Jun 23, 2022

Dear HPS Families,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend this week's School Committee meeting. Below is a quick summary with discussion highlights to help keep the community informed of decisions and topics discussed in the meeting.

### **Upcoming Meeting Details**

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#### *School Committee Meetings*

Monday, July 25 @ 7PM School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street

Monday, August 8 @ 7PM School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street

Monday, August 22 @ 7PM School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street

### **June 21st School Committee Meeting Highlights**

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A full recording of the meeting is available on the [Harbor Media](#). We have included timestamps below so you can skip ahead to these discussions.

- [\(7:30\)](#) The Foster School Building Committee recommended several proprietary items for the construction process, which were approved by the committee.
- [\(12:30\)](#) Strategic Plan Presentation from Dr. Maestas
  - The proposed Strategic Plan was developed based on extensive data and community feedback including highly publicized focused groups open to all Hingham parents, students, staff, and citizens, and a community survey. A Strategic Plan Committee, consisting of 21 people representing all HPS stakeholders (staff, parents, students, School Committee and community members) analyzed the data and used it to craft the plan.
  - Dr. Maestas presented the plan which includes the mission statement:
    - Together with students, staff, families, and community, we cultivate an equitable, inclusive, innovative learning environment that empowers all students to contribute to their local and global community.
  - This is a 3 year plan which includes 5 overarching initiatives with a focus on:

- Culture of collaboration and community
    - Culturally responsive teaching and learning
    - Healthy, equitable and inclusive communities
    - Capital and finance
    - Human resources and leadership
  - The proposed [Strategic Plan](#) is available on the HPS website. The School Committee will review and approve the plan at a future meeting.
- [\(2:12:27\)](#) Superintendent Report
  - Covid numbers are down
  - This will be the last meeting for Dr. Maestas and he thanked everyone for welcoming him to our community.
- [\(2:13:42\)](#) Communications
  - There was a lot of student communication with the Superintendent and School Committee from students in regards to their civics projects. The student engagement is appreciated!
  - The HHS student body has elected Nathan Tesler to serve as the student liaison to the School Committee. Additionally, they elected the grade 10-12 members of the Student Advisory Committee. The grade 9 class will elect a member in the Fall.
- [\(2:18:00\)](#) Budget Update
  - FY '22: Majority of previously reported variance has been spent on capital projects
  - FY: '23:
    - Budget is currently on track
    - Some positions recently retired and will not be replaced, resulting in savings that will cover vital budget items that were [requested by the School Department](#) but not included in the budget passed at Town Meeting.
  - Federal ESSER grant status: \$209,000 ESSER2 still available for 2023 and approximately \$700,000 in ESSER3 for use up until 2024. Note: these are one-time grants that should be applied to one-time costs, such as capital expenses, rather than toward ongoing expenses such as salaries.
  - The Committee authorized the Business Director to add up to \$100K to the Special Education Reserve Fund should the money be available at the end of FY '22. This will help to cover unanticipated special education out of district placements and transportation costs that were not initially budgeted.
- [\(2:33:24\)](#) Fireworks
  - The Lions Club has decided to postpone the fireworks until the Fall and therefore the School Committee was not requested to discuss using any school property as a potential alternative location

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

If you have questions or concerns, please email your [School Committee members](#).