

## MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 4, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Kerry Ni

Members present: Chair Kerry Ni, Secretary Nes Correnti, Liza O'Reilly, Carlos DaSilva, Jen Benham, and Tim Dempsey

Central Office Members present: Director of Business and Support Services John Ferris, Director of Human Resources Susan D'Amato and Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Suzanne Vinnes

### **Adjourn to Executive Session:**

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Nes Correnti

It was **voted**: to enter into Executive Session and to reconvene in Open Session, for the purposes of:

- 2.1. To Approve minutes of Executive Session held on March 21, 2022
- 2.2 To discuss the Superintendent's recommendation for the Director of Business and Support Services position
- 2.3 To discuss strategy related to negotiations with all bargaining units

The public discussion of which would be detrimental to the Committee's bargaining position

Jen Benham- aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos DaSilva - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye

Liza O'Reilly - aye

Kerry Ni – aye

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The Open Session reconvened and was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Kerry Ni.

### **Action from Executive Session**

Director of Human Resources, Susan D'Amato discussed the recent interviews for the position of Director of Business and Support Services and noted that after a lengthy process, the screening committee and Dr. Maestas are requesting that the Committee consider Aisha Nelson Oppong for the position.

- On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Nes Correnti  
It was **voted**: To enter into contract negotiations with Aisha Nelson Oppong for the position of Director of Business and Support Services

Jen Benham- aye

Nes Correnti – aye

Carlos DaSilva - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye

Liza O'Reilly - aye

Kerry Ni – aye

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee agreed to table the Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on March 21, 2022 until the next meeting.

### **Questions and comments from the community included:**

There were no questions from members of the audience. Nes Correnti read a question submitted via Harbor Media's Youtube link from Shaun Galvin asking about Senior awards night, and also if there is a planned rain date for graduation in the event of inclement weather.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Gary Maestas was unable to be present.

### **Student Communications**

Student Representative Elijah Webber updated the Committee about the Sunflowers for Peace fundraiser for Ukraine, which was organized by the Senior Class Officers and has raised \$1,000. He also reported that the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held this week. He noted that April 13<sup>th</sup> will recognize the national Day of Silence to acknowledge the oppression of those in the LGBTQ community since the actual day falls during school vacation week, and he encouraged everyone in the community to be respectful of the concept.

### **Other Communications: none**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Foster and East Elementary School Principal Searches**

Chair Kerry Ni stated that a communication went out to the School Community announcing that Matthew Scheufele has been chosen as the new Foster School Principal, and that the East Elementary Principal search is down to two finalists and a decision will be made very soon.

#### **Strategic Plan Update**

Chair Kerry Ni reported that a survey went out recently and that there was a good response from a variety of stakeholders in the school community. She stated that Interim Superintendent Dr. Maestas is working on a report and will be holding a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee this week to discuss the feedback.

#### **2022-2023 school year calendar and act as appropriate**

Chair Ni stated that Dr. Maestas reported that after speaking with the HEA, option B is the draft that is being recommended. HEA President June Gustafson asked if option B is the one with the changes and stated that it may be a change in working conditions. Lauren Nevala asked about the start date for Kindergarten.

#### **Budget Update and Finance/Capital Subcommittee Update**

Nes Correnti stated that the Finance/Capital & Facilities Subcommittee had a meeting today and that they discussed ESSER Funds. She stated that the subcommittee is looking to identify one-time items for which to use remaining funds. John Ferris stated that there have been some retirement notifications and it is likely there will be a few more. Liza O'Reilly asked for a list of priorities for the next meeting.

## New Business

### Proposed amendments to HPS Policy Section D Fiscal Management (first read)

Jen Benham reviewed the policy noting the Policy Subcommittee has been reviewing the language and she noted the changes being proposed.

### Subcommittee and Project Reports /Warrants Signed

- Tim Dempsey reported that there will be School Committee office hours on April 11<sup>th</sup> with Jen Benham and Michelle Ayer. He also reported that the Hingham Education Foundation is accepting new grant applications until April 25<sup>th</sup> and they will be having their annual fundraiser on April 30<sup>th</sup> at South Shore Country Club.
- Jen Benham reported that the Policy Subcommittee will have a meeting soon.
- Nes Correnti reported that there are signed warrants in the packet.
- Liza O'Reilly reported that the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee will be meeting soon to talk about the contract for the position of Director of Business and Support Services and that the Wellness Subcommittee will meet next week to discuss the feedback received from Booster groups.
- Kerry Ni reported that the Plymouth River School Council will meet next week.

### Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting: none

- On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Nes Correnti  
It was **voted**: To **Adjourn** at 7:33 PM







Jen Benham- aye  
Nes Correnti – aye  
Carlos DaSilva - aye  
Tim Dempsey – aye  
Liza O'Reilly - aye  
Kerry Ni – aye

Respectfully Submitted By:

Nes Correnti

### Documents Included:

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	04.04.2022 Agenda.pdf 
	Item 8.3 2022-2023 DRAFT Calendar- Option A (Base Roll Over)...
	Item 8.3 2022-2023 DRAFT Calendar- Option B (Monthly PD - c...
	Item 9.1 SECTION D- HPS POLICY MANUAL -Draft 02_04_2022 .
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