

HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 12, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Michelle Ayer.

School Committee members present: Chair Michelle Ayer, Vice-Chair Nes Correnti, Secretary Jen Benham, Kerry Ni, Tim Dempsey, Alyson Anderson, and Matt Cosman

School Committee members participating remotely: none

This meeting incorporated the use of the OWL camera to broadcast the meeting via Zoom.

Central Office Members present: Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams, Interim Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts, and Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong

Also present: HPS Media and Communications Specialist Heather Kashman, Executive Assistant Sherry Robertson, and Student Advisory Representative Nathan Tesler

Visitors present: June Gustafson, Jacqueline Beaupre, Kevin Quilty, Karen Shaw

Remote Visitors: There were approximately 15 people participating remotely.

Michelle Ayer read the following statement for those participating by zoom. This meeting is being offered 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 meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. Chair Ayer advised that the Harbor Media was recording the session. No other participants indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Approval of minutes

The Committee discussed the minutes of August 22, 2022 and Nes Correnti made suggestions to add the specific names of the student handbooks to differentiate them in the minutes.

- On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham
It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on August 22, 2022 with the changes discussed

Michelle Ayer – aye

Jen Benham – aye

Nes Correnti - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye
Kerry Ni – aye
Alyson Anderson – aye
Matt Cosman – aye

Questions and Comments

- Lauren Burm called in to comment that she was concerned about a decision to cut back on recess time for grades 3-5. Dr. Adams responded that last spring the Elementary Principals worked with a consultant to allow for time for HTSS and changes were made to reflect that.

Superintendent's Report

2022-2023 Communication Plan

Media and Communications Specialist Heather Kashman presented the 2022-2023 plan for the district. The plan detailed ways the district will deliver a clear, consistent message to all stakeholders through a variety of means, such as emails, newsletters, and social media.

Enrollment Report

Dr. Adams reviewed the most recent Enrollment numbers dated September 2022 by grade level, noting that the overall number to date is 3,814 students grades pre-k -12 (plus post grad).

Summer Facilities Work

Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong complimented the facilities staff, particularly Katie Hartman for the work that was done over the summer to get the buildings ready for students and staff. The School Committee and Dr. Adams also thanked Katie Hartman, and the Committee asked if time could be arranged for them to tour the buildings.

Personnel Report

Dr. Adams noted the list of new hires that is in the Committee's packet, and stated that the district is still in need of about two new paraeducators per building.

CPC Application

The Committee heard an Update on the Community Preservation Committee application to refurbish the High School storage garages "the dock" into a health and fitness facility that will benefit students. Kevin Quilty from the Hingham Sports Partnership was in attendance to answer any questions.

Communications

Dr. Adams reported that she received communication from the Teaching Learning Alliance which was the consulting group that assisted in the development of the Strategic Plan. She stated that they have provided a final draft of the data collected as well as a one-page dashboard which will soon be shared on the HPS website.

Student Communications

Chair Michelle Ayer introduced Nathan Tesler as the Student Advisory Council Representative and he provided a student update.

Unfinished Business

School Committee Policy-IJOA (Field Trips)

Jen Benham, Chair of the Policy Subcommittee, discussed the proposed changes related to field trips which related to out of state or overnight travel.

- On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Nes Correnti

It was voted: To approve the proposed changes to Policy-IJOA (Field Trips)

Michelle Ayer – aye

Nes Correnti - aye

Jen Benham – aye

Kerry Ni - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye

Alyson Anderson - aye

Matt Cosman – aye

School Committee Policy JJIB (Interscholastic Athletics)

Jen Benham discussed the proposed changes which related to the number of times annually that the Athletic Director will submit a written report outlining the number of grade 8 waivers for students to participate in sports.

- On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Nes Correnti

It was voted: To approve the proposed changes to Policy-JJIB (Interscholastic Athletics)

Michelle Ayer – aye

Nes Correnti - aye

Jen Benham – aye

Kerry Ni - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye

Alyson Anderson - aye

Matt Cosman – aye

School Committee Policy JH (Student Absences and Excuses)

The Committee discussed proposed changes related to telehealth appointments during the school day.

- On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Nes Correnti

It was voted: To approve the proposed changes to Policy-JH (Student Absences and Excuses)

Michelle Ayer – aye

Nes Correnti - aye

Jen Benham – aye

Kerry Ni - aye

Tim Dempsey – aye

Alyson Anderson - aye

Matt Cosman – aye

School Committee Policy KBE (Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations)

The Committee discussed the proposed language changes that were recommended by the Wellness Subcommittee, to change the reporting structure of parent and support groups related to fundraising.

- On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Nes Correnti

It was voted: To approve the proposed changes to Policy-KBE (Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations)

Michelle Ayer – aye
Nes Correnti - aye
Jen Benham – aye
Kerry Ni - aye
Tim Dempsey – aye
Alyson Anderson - aye
Matt Cosman – aye

New Business

Proposed Student Trip

Hingham High School Teacher Karen Shaw presented a proposal for a field trip to France and Spain for April 2024. Ms. Shaw explained that planning well in advance will help reduce the costs to students and provide more time for fundraising opportunities.

- On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham
It was voted: To approve the proposed student trip to France and Spain in April of 2024.

Michelle Ayer – aye
Nes Correnti - aye
Jen Benham – aye
Kerry Ni - aye
Tim Dempsey – aye
Alyson Anderson - aye
Matt Cosman – aye

High School Tennis Courts

Director of Business and Support Services, Aisha Oppong noted that earlier this year, approval was granted to reconstruct the six tennis courts at Hingham High School. The Hingham School Committee agreed to contribute \$300,000 to the construction of the tennis courts as part of a joint effort with the Town.

Ms. Oppong submitted a memo to the Committee and explained the bidding process.

- On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham
It was voted: To approve the contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates (CHA)

Michelle Ayer – aye
Nes Correnti - aye
Jen Benham – aye
Kerry Ni - aye
Tim Dempsey – aye
Alyson Anderson - aye
Matt Cosman – aye

Subcommittee and Project Reports/Warrants Signed

- Alyson Anderson reported that the Climate Action Planning Committee will be meeting soon, as well as the Hingham Art Alliance
- Tim Dempsey reported that the Hingham Educational Foundation will hold its annual fall event soon, and that as chair, he will be scheduling a meeting of the Curriculum Subcommittee
- Kerry Ni reported that there will be an upcoming meeting of the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee.
- Nes Correnti reported that there are signed warrants in the packet, and that the Finance/Capital and Facilities Subcommittee will be planning a meeting soon. She also reported the Foster School Council will be meeting during the following week and will be discussing the Special Town Meeting which will be taking place in November.
- Michelle Ayer reported that the Special Town Meeting is on November 1st. She stated that the Foster School Building project is going through the permitting process and is on upcoming agendas for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.
Michelle Ayer also reported that there will be School Committee office hours next Monday, September 19 at the high school.

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

- On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham
It was voted: To adjourn at 8:41PM

Michelle Ayer – aye
Nes Correnti - aye
Jen Benham – aye
Kerry Ni - aye
Tim Dempsey – aye
Alyson Anderson - aye
Matt Cosman – aye

Respectfully Submitted By:Jen Benham

Documents Included:

	09.12.2022 Agenda.pdf 
	Item 2.1 Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on August 22, 2022.pdf 
	Item 4.1 Communications Plan Presentation 
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	Item 4.1 HPS Communications Plan.pdf 
	Item 4.2 September 2022 Enrollment Summary.pdf 
	Item 4.3 Facilities Report - Summer work done & projects completed.pdf 
	Item 4.3 Memo Re; Summer Facilities Work.pdf 
	Item 4.4 Personnel Update.pdf 
	Item 4.5 CPC 2021 Dock Submission Package.pdf 
	Item 4.5 Letter of support CPC application.pdf 
	Item 6.1 IJOA - FIELD TRIPS - Proposed changes.pdf 
	Item 6.2 JJIB - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS -proposed changes.pdf 
	Item 6.3 JH -STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES-proposed changes.pdf 
	Item 6.4 KBE - RELATIONS WITH PARENT_BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS-Proposed changes.pdf 
	Item 7.1 Application for proposed trip to France and Spain.pdf 
	Item 7.1 memo for proposed international field trip to France and Spain 2024.pdf 
	Item 7.2 CHA Contract - engineering Svcs Street Hockey Court (002).pdf 
	Item 7.2 Memo Re: Construction Contract for HHS tennis courts.pdf 
	Item 8 Warrants.pdf 
	SC Minutes 8-22-22.pdf revised approved draft 
