



November 28, 2022

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights with minute markers, along with links to relevant documents from the November 28th, School Committee meeting. These notes are not official School Committee minutes, which will be on the agenda for our next meeting, but are intended to keep the community informed of decisions and topics discussed in the meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Details

School Committee Meetings

- Office Hours: Monday, December 5 @ 7:30PM, Hingham High School
- Monday, December 12 @ 7PM, Town Hall, 220 Central Street
- Monday, January 9 @ 7PM, Town Hall, 220 Central Street

You can view agendas for all town board and committee meetings [here](#)

November 28th School Committee Meeting Highlights

A full recording of the meeting is available on the [Harbor Media](#). Referenced documents can be reviewed in the [meeting packet](#). We have included timestamps below so you can skip ahead to discussions that may be of particular interest to you.

Additionally, we would like to share information from our town on [resources](#) available to any residents who feel they need mental health related assistance.

- [\(1:41\)](#) Michelle Ayer opened the meeting with a thank you and gratitude for all members of our staff, families, leadership team and school committee members
- Dr. Adams provided her Superintendent's Report with the following updates:
 - [\(3:51\)](#) Summary of press release about the exchange students from Cahors France and their time visiting Hingham
 - [\(5:20\)](#) Informed the Committee of the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Special Education Determination - meets requirements and does not require state technical assistance or intervention

- Student Communications
 - (7:30) Nathan Tesler from the Student Advisory Council representative provided a student update
- New Business (all documents are available in the [meeting packet](#))
 - (12:36) Presentation by Derek Smith followed by approval of the Hingham Middle School Improvement Plan
 - (37:08) Presentation by Rick Swanson followed by approval of the Hingham High School Improvement Plan
 - (1:08:55) Hingham Unity Council informed the committee of two new scholarships they will be offering. One is named in honor of the late Camilla Roundtree.
 - (1:12:59) A request from Hingham Little League for placement of a shed on the HMS field was discussed and approved
 - (1:19:15) Hingham girls and boys hockey teams proposed and had an overnight trip to VT approved
 - (1:21:51) Dr. Adams and Katie Roberts presented a progress report on the Strategic Plan
 - (1:42:59) An update was presented on the DESE Tiered Focused Monitoring Report
 - (1:51:18) A proposed change to the school handbooks to add discipline due process language was approved
 - (1:56:23) The chair of the School Committee was authorized to sign documents on behalf of the new elementary school building project
- (1:57:26) Project and Subcommittee Reports including the below upcoming meetings:
 - East School Council meeting held 11/15
 - PRS PTO invited a school committee member to provide an update at their 11/16 meeting
 - [Climate Action Planning Committee](#) meeting 12/1 @7PM via Zoom
 - [Special Education Subcommittee](#) meeting 12/1@ 4:15
 - [Human Rights Commission](#) meeting, 11/30 @7PM
 - Academic Programming meeting 12/8 @4:15
 - School Committee Office Hours 12/5 @7:30, HHS Rm 131
 - [Salary & Negotiations](#) meeting 12/7
 - Hingham Middle School Council meeting held 11/28
 - South School Council meeting 12/7
 - Equity Task Force meeting held 11/21
 - [School Building Committee](#) meeting 12/1
 - [Select Board, Advisory Committee and School Committee](#) meeting 11/29 re: override legal requirements

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