



January 23, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights with minute markers, along with links to relevant documents from the January 23rd, 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

- Budget Work Session IV (Facilities, athletics & transportation): Tuesday, January 26 @ 6PM, Town Hall, 220 Central Street
- Capital Outlay Meeting: Monday, January 30 @7:30PM, Town Hall, 220 Central Street
- Budget Work Session V: Wednesday, February 1 @6:00, Town Hall, 220 Central Street
- Office Hours: Monday, February 6 @ 7:30PM, Hingham High School
- Joint Advisory Committee and School Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 7 @7PM, Town Hall, 2002 Central Street
- Budget Public Hearing” February 13 @6PM, Town Hall, 220 Central Street
- Joint meeting with Select Board, Advisory Committee and School Committee Thursday, February 16 @ 7PM

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

January 23rd 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 continue to share information from our town on [resources](#) available to any residents who feel they need mental health related assistance.

- [\(1:18\)](#) Approval of minutes from January 9, 2023, January 12, 2023 and January 18, 2023
- [\(2:38\)](#) Student Communications
- [\(5:42\)](#) Superintendent’s Report



- (5:42) Review of timeline for recruitment and appointment of Executive Director of Student Services
- (6:55) Update on Assistant Superintendent search
- (7:44) Budget update
- (11:30) New Business
 - (11:33) Presentation and approval of Foster Elementary School's School Improvement Plan
 - (37:12) Received and approved the updates to the High School Program of Studies
 - (1:03:46) Received and approved updates to the Middle School Program of Studies
 - (1:24:24) Accepted a grant from Next Generation Learning Challenges
 - (1:28:43) Completed second read and approved updates of Comfort Dog Memorandum of Understanding
 - (1:33:46) Completed second read and approved updates of Homeschooling Policy (IHBG)
 - (1:37:28) Reviewed and approved request for METCO program expansion
- (1:57:00) Subcommittee and Project Reports including the below upcoming meetings:
 - [East School Council](#) met on 1/17
 - PRS School Council Meeting, 1/24
 - Hingham Arts Alliance Meeting [fundraiser event](#) 3/11 @7:00PM
 - [Climate Action Planning Committee Meeting](#), 1/26 @ 7:00 via Zoom
 - Special Education Subcommittee meeting 2/9 @ 7:00 via Zoom
 - [Hingham Middle School Council Meeting](#) 1/30
 - Salary & Negotiations in ongoing negotiations and next meeting will be 2/15 (these meetings occur in Executive Session and are not open to the general public)
 - [South School Council Meeting](#), 1/25
 - SNAP meeting 2/7
 - Pizzapalooza 3/29
 - 10th anniversary celebration 5/18
 - Foster School Council meeting 1/31
 - Sustainable Budget Task Force met on 1/19
 - Hingham High School Council met on 1/18
 - Hingham High School Unity Week 2/6 - 2/10
 - Student Advisory and School Committee Meeting 1/25 @ 6:30 via Zoom
- (2:03:51) Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting



- [\(2:03:51\)](#) Approval of application for town emergency funds to make immediate playground updates to allow accessibility for current students at South Elementary School