



May 8, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights with minute markers, along with links to relevant documents from the May 8th 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

- School Committee Office Hours, Monday, May 1st @8-9PM, Hingham High School Room 131
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, May 22 @7PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, June 12 @7PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, June 26 @7PM

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May 8th, 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.

This recap is prefaced with a heartfelt thank you to all that came out to vote and supported our town's override efforts ([25:36](#))

- ([1:24](#)) East School students and Principal Hawes delighted the School Committee with a Showcase of their work in the Makerspace
- ([17:49](#)) Dr. Adams presented the Superintendent's Report with updates on the following:
 - ([17:49](#)) Monthly Enrollment Update
- ([19:42](#)) Communications
 - ([19:42](#)) Alex Doggett from the Student Advisory Council provided a student update
- ([20:32](#)) Unfinished Business
 - ([20:32](#)) Kerry Ni provided an update on the HEA Unit B negotiations process to date.
- ([25:36](#)) New Business



- (25:36) Elections of officers for School Committee for upcoming year including a message of appreciation from outgoing chair Michelle Ayer and (28:10) an introduction from incoming chair Nes Correnti
- (31:16) Appointed Dr. Barbara Cataldo as Interim Executive Director of Student Services, subject to receipt of critical shortage waiver from DESE. (Resume available to view in the [packet](#))
- (33:19) Monica Matthews provided a report on elementary writing program
- (51:21) Discussed and approved a DESE Literacy Grant for the new reading curriculum being implemented
- (53:22) Approval of updated athletic, full day kindergarten, Kids in Action, Integrated Pre-K and facilities fees (full detail in [meeting packet](#))
- (1:08:57) Yearly review of updated MOU with Hingham Police
- (1:12:01) Discussed participation in the state's School Choice Program for 2023-2024 school year
- (1:22:28) Discussed the process for subcommittee assignments for the upcoming year
- (1:23:28) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - Special Education Task Force met 5/3
 - Hingham Arts Alliance Board meeting 5/9
 - Climate Action Planning Committee is now Climate Action Commission and meeting 5/17
 - Educational Programming Subcommittee 5/24
 - Special Education Subcommittee meeting TBD
 - HEF Grant review 5/9
 - Hingham Middle School Council met 5/1
 - Salaries and Negotiations meeting 5/9 (Unit B) and 5/11 (Unit A)
 - Foster School met 4/17
 - Hingham High School Council met 4/26
 - School Building Committee meeting 5/17