

HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 10, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Called to Order at 6:00 PM

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

School Committee members participating remotely: none

School Committee members absent: Matt Cosman

Central Office Members present: Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham
It was **voted** to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for HEA Unit A Teachers and Unit B Paraprofessionals as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

To hear a grievance from HEA Unit A as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

To approve minutes of the Executive Sessions held on January 9, 2022, February 27, 2023, and March 13, 2023 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

Reconvene: 7:03 PM

School Committee Chair Michelle Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and began by reading the following statement for those participating by zoom:

This meeting is being held in person and/or remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please 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.

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

School Committee members participating remotely: none

School Committee members absent: Matt Cosman

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: Executive Assistant Sherry Robertson and Student Representatives Nathan Tesler and Alex Doggett

Visitors present: HEA Co-Presidents June Gustafson and Jacqueline Beaupre, High School Principal Rick Swanson, several High School Students, Drama Director Maureen Fish, Teachers Alysia Pelliccia, and Lora Malerbi.

School Showcase: Hingham High School

Hingham High School Students gave a presentation highlighting the experiences at the High School. Jasper Lee spoke about club highlights such as Quiz Bowl, Robotics Club, Model UN, Unity Project, and the Veterans Appreciation Club. Abi Bennion spoke about the experiences in the Art Department sharing slides of recent exhibitions of student art. Tim Bevens described the experience of being a student in the Drama department. Lana Lucas described the experiences available to students interested in Music. Caroline Schiffman described her experience as a student athlete and noted the many accomplishments of the athletic programs. Evan Doherty described the Red Army and School Spirit and shared the experience of the school-wide enthusiasm to celebrate the banner for the Unity Basketball Program.

Approval of 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 March 27, 2023

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting with the Advisory Committee held on March 14, 2023

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the public information session held on March 30, 2023

Questions and Comments

none

Superintendent's Report

South Shore Educational Collaborative Update

Dr. Adams discussed the recent update provided by the South Shore Educational Collaborative. The report details updated budget information and the calendar for next school year.

Student Communication

Student Advisory Committee representatives Nathan Tesler and Alex Doggett were present. Nathan Tesler reported that the Student Advisory Committee has an upcoming meeting and they are working to get students involved in the budget process and are encouraging those students that are eligible to vote to come to Town Meeting and support the override.

Unfinished Business

The Committee noted the language changes discussed at the previous meeting related to policies ACAB, AC, and JICK.

School Committee Policy ACAB- Sexual Harassment

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve School Committee Policy ACAB to include proposed changes

School Committee Policy AC-Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve School Committee Policy AC-Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation

School Committee Policy JICK- Harassment of Students

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve School Committee Policy JICK- Harassment of Students

New Business

Proposed Trip to London in April 2025

Teachers Maureen Fish and Alysia Pelliccia were present to share details of the proposed trip to London, which would be open to all HHS students in the Drama Club. They explained that the objective of the trip will be to give the students the opportunity to experience professional theatre and attend workshops run by professionals, as well as learn about the culture and history of London. The teachers also explained that planning the trip far in advance helps students to raise funds and locks in a lower rate.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the student trip to London in April of 2025.

Proposed Trip to Belize in April 2025

Teacher Lora Malerbi was present to share details of the proposed trip for which the objective is historic, cultural, and linguistic enrichment. She explained that asking for approval two years ahead of time can help students with fundraising and that financial assistance is available. Ms. Malerbi explained that this trip is a little shorter in length than others have been in the past, which lessens the cost, but that the itinerary itself is not compromised. She also stated that the company EF tours is one that she has worked with, and that the trip is open to any student in grades 9-12.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the student trip to Belize in April of 2025.

Waiver for Girls' Lacrosse

Hingham High School Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni was present to request a waiver to allow eighth graders to be eligible to participate in Girls' Lacrosse at the Junior Varsity level, as the participation numbers are lower than expected.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to allow five eighth graders to participate in the Girls' Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team

New Elementary Reading Program Adoption

ELA Director Mary Andrews gave a presentation of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt- *Into Reading* Program, the newly adopted reading program for K-5. Ms. Andrews gave an overview of the program, which also included a professional development plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

Report from the Climate Action Committee

The Committee discussed receiving the recent report from the Climate Action Committee. Alyson Anderson offered to pull out the areas of the report that directly impact the schools to make it easier to review and provide feedback. Dr. Adams noted that it will be important to work with the town to discuss recommendations in the report that may be costly capital expenditures.

Appointment of the Superintendent to the South Shore Collaborative Board of Directors

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to appoint Dr. Margaret Adams as a representative to the Board of Directors of the South Shore Educational Collaborative for the 2023-2024 school year

Approval of Donations and Grants

Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong explained the donation of grants from the High School PTO which included electronics equipment.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to accept \$9,105.63 in grants from the High School PTO. The equipment, material and supplies will become the property of Hingham Public Schools.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to accept 3 iPads, iPad cases and 3 years of Apple Care for each iPad valued at \$1,211.97 in grants from Foster Elementary School's PTO. These items will become the property of Hingham Public Schools.

Athletic Transportation Bids

Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong explained that the contract bid with First Student Transportation in Hanson, will help to ensure that extra buses would be available for Hingham Public Schools to transport students to athletics if needed.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to accept the bid from First Student Incorporated for athletic transportation for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year with the option to renew for the 2023-2024 school year, and the 2024-2026 school years. Transportation by First Student will be used on the occasions that the transportation department at Hingham Public Schools is not able to secure an adequate number of buses or drivers for the runs needed and to authorize the School Committee Chair to sign on behalf of the schools.

Declaration of Surplus

Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong reported that there is an old truck that was used by the maintenance department which is 18 years old to be declared as surplus, as well as outdated textbooks from the Journeys Reading elementary program which is being replaced.

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to declare as surplus Hingham Maintenance Department's 2005 Ford Van vin# 1FTNE24W85HB17058 and to authorize the Director of Business and Support Service to dispose of the van at the least cost to Hingham

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to declare as surplus materials from the 2016 Journeys program in the attached listing and to authorize the Director of Business and Support Service and maintenance department to dispose of the van at the least cost to Hingham

School Committee Officer Nominations Process for 2023-2024

Chair Michelle Ayer stated that the next regular School Committee meeting will be on May 8th, which is after the town elections and the Committee will need to vote on the officers for the next year. She stated that anyone interested in one of the offices should submit self-nominations prior to that.

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

None





























































Subcommittee and Project Reports/Warrants Signed

- Tim Dempsey reported that at a recent Special Education Subcommittee meeting they looked at two parent surveys, one related to the tiered monitoring systems as required by DESE, and the other survey was one conducted by SEPCAC
- Kerry Ni reported that the Middle School council recently met. She also reported that the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee met on March 28th with Unit B (the Paraprofessionals) and March 29th with Unit A (the Teachers), to continue negotiations on successor contracts. She stated that there are many upcoming meetings scheduled as well.
- Jen Benham reported that she recently attended the South School Council meeting
- Nes Correnti reported that there is an upcoming Foster School Council meeting on April 27th
- Michelle Ayer reported that she and Nes Correnti presented at the town forum to discuss the override. She also noted that the next meeting is at Town Meeting and the Committee will meet ahead of time to call to order, and she encouraged the community to attend the Town Meeting and participate in the town election

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to adjourn at 9:20PM

Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham

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-  Item 4.0 HHS Showcase - April 2023.pdf 
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