

HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 12, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Called to Order at 7 :00 PM

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

School Committee members participating remotely: Matt Cosman

School Committee members absent: none

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

This meeting incorporated the use of the OWL camera to broadcast the meeting via Zoom. There were some technical difficulties that resulted in zoom participants having access to audio, but no video.

Visitors present: High School Principal Rick Swanson, Middle School Principal Derek Smith, South Elementary School Principal Mary Eastwood, Plymouth River Elementary School Principal Greg Lamothe, HEA Co-Presidents June Gustafson and Jacqueline Beaupre. There were students and staff from Plymouth River Elementary School, and staff and students from Hingham Middle School. There were approximately 70 HEA members present.

Remote visitors: There were approximately 21 remote attendees on Zoom.

Recognition of HPS Retirees

South Elementary Principal acknowledged Lisa Reith's retirement; Foster School Principal Matt Scheufele acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Madeline Martin; High School Principal acknowledged Administrative Assistant Monica Black's recent retirement. Other retirements that were

acknowledged were the retirements of Dan Clune from Hingham High School, Margaret O' Donnell and Susanne Hallisey from the Middle School, and Cecilia Hanlon from South Elementary School.

School Showcase: Plymouth River Elementary

Plymouth River Elementary Principal Greg Lamothe introduced teacher Meryl Vella. Ms. Vella introduced their Pen Pals Project with the memory care facility. She explained that the project was created by High School Student Max Bohane who was present and spoke about how he came up with the idea for the project and how it has had a positive impact on him. There were several students from Plymouth River Elementary present who described their experience with the project.

School Showcase: Hingham Middle School

Middle School Principal Derek Smith and Middle School Teacher Jennifer Driscoll gave a presentation detailing the class of 2027 Civics Projects which detailed topics that the students have been learning to advocate for by participating in local and state government. He noted that the students held a Community Expert Panel Day on May 31st, and will also participate in the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Senate State Competition on June 5, and will hold a HMS Civics Day on June 14th.

Approval of minutes:

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on May 8,2022

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye

Alyson Anderson-aye

Matt Cosman-abstain

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting with held on May 22, 2023

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye

Alyson Anderson-aye

Matt Cosman-aye

Questions and Comments:

Many attendees spoke in support of paraeducators and teachers in relation to ongoing contract negotiations including Margaret Curran, Nicole Lytle, Natalie Allen, Sue McCann, Lauren Davalla, Cecilia Mann, Cynthia McKeon, Laurie Lucas, Dorothy Garland, Ben Louchheim, Lizzy Edlreidge, Donogh Harkin, Jimmy Moynihan, Evan Doherty, and Jacqueline Beaupre.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Adams noted that the meeting packet contains updates of the Fine Arts Pilot program manual as well as the Technology and Engineering manual.

New Business

Grade 8 Trip to Washington DC in 2024

Middle School Principal Derek Smith was present and explained the itinerary of the annual trip. Mr. Smith also noted financial aid options that are available to students to help ensure that all students who want to go are able. Also present was Mark McCulloch, a Middle School teacher who chaperones the trip. He stated that more students attended the trip this year, than last year.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the Grade 8 Trip to Washington D.C. in 2024

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye

Alyson Anderson-aye

Matt Cosman-aye

Professional Development Plan Update

Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts gave a presentation that outlined the 2023-2025 Professional Development Plan. The presentation included details of professional development plan research, and the goals of the plan which include: Implementation of High-Quality Curriculum & Universally Designed Instruction; Implementation of Inclusive & Culturally Responsive Practices; Fostering a Safe & Supportive School Environment; Mentoring & Leadership Development

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the 2023-2025 Hingham Public Schools Professional Development Plan

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye

Alyson Anderson-aye

Matt Cosman-aye

Social Studies Program Review

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

School Committee Summer Meeting Schedule

The Committee Discussed Summer meeting dates and agreed to meet on Monday, July 12th, Monday August 7th, and Tuesday August 29th.

Appointment of Signatory for Financial Warrants

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Kerry Ni

- It was **voted** to appoint Chair of the Finance/Capital and Facilities Subcommittee Jen Benham to be signatory of financial warrants

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye

Alyson Anderson-aye

Matt Cosman-aye

Grants and Donations

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Declaration of Surplus

Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong explained items that are no longer useful and recommended they be declared as surplus.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to declare as surplus iPads from the Technology Department listed and to authorize the Director of Business and Support Service to dispose of them at the least cost to Hingham.

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye

Alyson Anderson-aye

Matt Cosman-aye

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to declare as surplus textbooks from the High School Business and Social Studies Departments listed and to authorize the Director of Business and Support Service to dispose of them at the least cost to Hingham.

Nes Correnti -aye

Michelle Ayer -aye

Jen Benham -aye

Kerry Ni-aye

Tim Dempsey-aye
Alyson Anderson-aye
Matt Cosman-aye

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to declare as surplus cassette tapes from the Foster Elementary School's library listed and to authorize the Director of Business and Support Service to dispose of them at the least cost to Hingham.

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

Subcommittee and Project Reports/Warrants Signed

- Tim Dempsey reported that the Educational Programming Subcommittee will be meeting this Thursday at 3PM.
- Kerry Ni reported that the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee has upcoming meetings and that the Middle School Council met on May 30th.
- Jen Benham reported that the South School Council met recently and that the Finance/Capital & Facilities Subcommittee has an upcoming meeting this Friday.
- Nes Correnti reported that the Foster School Council had a recent meeting and that there are financial warrants in the meeting packet.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Tim Dempsey

It was **voted** to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) not to return to Open Session


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 approve minutes of the Executive Session held on May 22, 2023, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

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


The Open Session was adjourned at 9:02 PM



Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham



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 Civics Project School Committee 2023.pdf 



 Item 2.0 PRS School Committee Presentation.pdf 



 Item 5.1 Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on May 8, 2023.pdf 



 Item 5.2 Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on May 22, 2023.pdf 



 Item 7 Arts Pathway Manual 2023-2024.pdf 



 Item 7 Technology Engineering Pathways (1).pdf 



 Item 10.1 Proposed Grade 8 Trip to DC 2024.pdf 



 Item 10.2 2023-2025 PD Plan Presentation.pptx 



 Item 10.2-2023-2025 Professional Development Plan.docx(1).pdf 



 Item 10.3 Strategic Plan SSBUS Year1 Memo for SC 6_12_23.pdf 


 Item 10.3 Strategic Plan SSBUS Year1 Memo Slides.pdf 

 Item 10.6 Surplus iPads Textbooks and Cassettes.pdf 

 Item 11 Warrant #S051623.pdf 

 Item 11 Warrant #S052323.pdf 

 Item 11 Warrant #S053023.pdf 

 Item 11 Warrant #S060623.pdf 