



August 7, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the August 7th School Committee meeting. These include minute markers and links to relevant documents. 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 updated on decisions and topics discussed in our meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Details

School Committee Meetings

- School Committee Meeting, Tuesday, August 29 @6PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, September 11 @6PM

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August 7th, 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.

- [\(2:01\)](#) Superintendent's Report
 - [\(2:01\)](#) Dr. Adams gave an update on happenings across the district including current status on Fall enrollment numbers
 - [\(6:54\)](#) An invitation was extended to the Committee and community to attend the groundbreaking for Foster on August 25th @11AM
 - [\(7:28\)](#) An updated personnel report was provided by Dr. Adams including recent retirements, resignations, appointments and transfers. This also included discussion on open positions and the upcoming Job Fair on Aug. 23rd, 4-6PM
 - [\(28:30\)](#) An overview of the DESE Comprehensive District Review and the process that will be undertaken was provided
 - [\(32:52\)](#) Updates were provided on plans to implement and support Hingham's plastic single-use water bottles ban
 - [\(38:12\)](#) Details were given regarding the upcoming Town Energy Facilities Audit



- [\(40:02\)](#) New Business
 - [\(40:02\)](#) Completed a second read of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation Commission and Select Board and unanimous vote to adopt the MOU
 - [\(43:21\)](#) Reviewed and unanimously accepted the contract for Assistant Superintendent
 - [\(44:04\)](#) Discussed and approved an interim change in Student Services legal counsel with intent to form a committee to further review and interview legal counsel options
 - [\(48:33\)](#) Voted to approve an out of state field trip to Portugal presented by Dr. Joseph Young
 - [\(53:33\)](#) The change in contract for lease of TRACES building was unanimously approved
 - [\(53:37\)](#) Approved donations and grants from MassHire and DESE
 - [\(56:10\)](#) Policy AD - Mission Statement (second read) was reviewed and approved unanimously
 - [\(56:48\)](#) Policy DJE - Procurement Requirements (second read) was reviewed and approved unanimously

- [\(57:49\)](#) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - HEF meeting will be held on 9/12
 - Human Rights Commission meeting was postponed to 8/9 due to technical difficulties
 - Salaries and Negotiations met with Unit B (Paraprofessionals) on 7/25
 - Salaries and Negotiations meeting with Unit B 8/28
 - Salaries and Negotiations meeting with Unit A (Teachers) 8/30
 - Salaries and Negotiations meeting with Unit D (Administrative Assistants) 8/31