



October 17, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the October 16th 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, Monday, October 30, 2023 @6:30PM at METCO Headquarters
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023 @6:30PM

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

October 16th, 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.

- [\(2:21\)](#) Public comment period was extended to allow community members a chance to provide feedback on the current negotiations.
- [\(2:33:56\)](#) Vice-Chair Michelle Ayer concluded the meeting with a thank you to all those that came to provide their thoughts this evening and some clarifications about the negotiations process.
 - Per request of an attendee, the School Committee webpage has been updated to include additional relevant details in regards to the [Unit A negotiations](#).
- [\(35:17\)](#) The committee, along with Select Board member Liz Klein, voted to approved the Bus/Van Drivers contract for 2023-2026
- [\(40:46\)](#) An update on negotiations was provided by Kerry Ni. More information about the status of these negotiations is provided on the [School Committee Website](#).
- [\(49:47\)](#) Superintendent's Report
 - [\(49:55\)](#) Dr. Adams shared a memo from the Operational Service Division with estimated rates of inflation for Out of District programs
 - [\(51:03\)](#) Updated enrollment report and ongoing trends were provided to the committee



- [\(54:33\)](#) Communications
- [\(55:46\)](#) Unfinished Business
 - [\(55:46\)](#) Policy updates to current policies BA through BDFA-E-3 were discussed and approved unanimously
- [\(57:27\)](#) New Business
 - [\(57:27\)](#) Katie Roberts, Mary Andrews, David Jewett and Michelle Romano presented a report on the Spring MCAS data and outcomes
 - [\(2:08:58\)](#) MASC resolutions were presented by committee members for discussion and determination of how the committee would like their representative to vote at the upcoming conference
 - [\(2:28:19\)](#) Discussed and approved a donation from Gouley Electric for library books at Plymouth River in honor of Principal Robert L.
 - [\(2:29:22\)](#) Discussed and approved deaccession of surplus books
- [\(2:30:43\)](#) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - Special Education Subcommittee meeting 10/25
 - HEF Spelling Bee on 11/25
 - Hingham Arts Alliance Board met 10/10
 - Hingham Arts Walk 10/15
 - Hingham Arts Alumni Panel 1/3/24
 - Hingham Arts Social 3/23/24
 - Policy Subcommittee meeting 10/18
 - PRS School Council meeting 10/24
 - Educational Programming Subcommittee to be scheduled before 11/13
 - Salaries and Negotiations continues with meetings with teachers, paras and administrative assistants
 - Finance and Capital meeting 10/20