



October 2, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the October 2nd 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 16, 2023 @6:30PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, October 30, 2023 @6:30PM at METCO Headquarters

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October 2nd, 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.

- [\(2:41\)](#) Superintendent's Report
 - [\(2:41\)](#) Dr. Adams recognized South Elementary and PRS for being named schools of recognition in MA as well as an update on the naming process for the new school building
 - [\(5:25\)](#) Katie Roberts shared the professional development catalog for 2023-2024
 - [\(6:00\)](#) An updated personnel report was provided
 - [\(9:33\)](#) Details were given regarding the formation of a working group to make recommendations regarding preschool and pre-K programming
 - [\(13:07\)](#) The accountability data overview was presented to help provide definitions and a summary of the material
- [\(24:21\)](#) Communications
 - [\(24:31\)](#) Dr. Adams provided a copy of the letter going home to parents in K-3 explaining the literacy screening process
 - [\(26:45\)](#) Alex Doggett gave an update from the Student Advisory Council



- [\(27:05\)](#) Nes Correnti shared a letter from Keith Jermyn thanking the committee for supporting Suicide Awareness and the raising of the SAR flag at HHS in honor of Matthew Partyka
- [\(28:14\)](#) New Business
 - [\(28:14\)](#) Jonathan Hawes presented the update East School improvement plan which was accepted via School Committee vote
 - [\(45:02\)](#) Kathryn Black presented and the committee approved an overnight student trip in January 2024 to the Harvard Model UN Conference in Boston
 - [\(46:05\)](#) Jim Quatromoni presented and the committee approved an out of state one day competition for the Hingham High School Rowing Team
 - [\(48:37\)](#) Data from the YRBS and student Wellness survey was shared by Katie Roberts, Derek Smith, Rick Swanson and Heather Rodriguez along with initial discussions of options to address trends being seen among students
 - [\(1:38:37\)](#) Equity Plan goals for the year were presented and approved
 - [\(1:46:46\)](#) First read of updates to policies BA through BDFA-E-3
 - [\(1:49:44\)](#) Reviewed and approved updated rates for interventionist/tutors and substitute paraprofessionals
 - [\(1:52:16\)](#) Discussed and approved a donation from Hingham Sports Partnership for HHS Wellness Center revolving account
 - [\(2:03:33\)](#) Discussed and approved Title I and Title II funds received
- [\(2:07:50\)](#) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - Special Education Subcommittee met 9/13, next meeting to be held 10/25
 - SEPAC meeting held 9/19
 - HEF meeting held on 9/12
 - Policy Subcommittee met 9/21, next meeting to be held 10/18
 - Hingham Arts Alliance Board meeting to be held on 11/10
 - Educational Programming Subcommittee met 9/26
 - SNAP 10th anniversary event moved to the spring
 - Hingham Middle School council held first meeting 10/2
 - Salaries and Negotiations continues with meetings with teachers, paras and administrative assistants
 - Finance and Capital met on 9/1
 - Foster School Council met on 9/25
 - Delegate appointed for MASC conference resolutions