



December 11, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the December 11th 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 Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2024 @6:30 PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2024 @6:30 PM

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December 11th, 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.

- Public Comment
 - [\(3:42\)](#) Public comment included a message from the HEA president; questions about negotiations and potential union action; comments related to funding of the school budget; and a statement regarding a proposal by interventionists to join the HEA Unit A bargaining unit. While the School Committee cannot respond to items not on the agenda within our meetings, please see our [negotiations updates](#) online for information on these topics.
 - [\(15:43\)](#) Chairperson Nes Correnti followed this with a personal statement of support for Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams
- [\(17:10\)](#) Negotiations Subcommittee update announced a tentative agreement with HEA Unit C (Custodians and Maintenance Workers)
- [\(19:21\)](#) Superintendent's Report
 - [\(25:14\)](#) Reviewed hiring timeline for South Elementary Principal
- [\(26:56\)](#) Communications
 - [\(26:56\)](#) Student Communications
 - [\(30:27\)](#) Other Communications



- [\(31:40\)](#) New Business
 - [\(31:40\)](#) Principal Matt Scheufele provided an update on the Foster School Improvement Plan which was accepted by the Committee
 - [\(52:28\)](#) Katie St. Clair and Aisha Oppong gave an update from Facilities
 - [\(56:23\)](#) HR Consultant Pamela Gould gave a report and review of procedures and policies of Human Resources
 - [\(1:38:41\)](#) Received and approved a program recommendation for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten for 2023-2024 school year
 - [\(2:03:37\)](#) First read of Policy JFAB-Enrollment of Children of Personnel and Policy CBI-Evaluation of Superintendent
 - [\(2:08:18\)](#) Approved the owner's project manager for the Wellness Center at Hingham High School
 - [\(2:11:55\)](#) Approved an increase in rate for the Light and Sound Technician and an increase in rate for service as part of facilities fee
 - [\(2:17:04\)](#) In appreciation of all the work being done and the evolution of expectations to the role, it was voted to amend the title of Director of Business and Support Services to Executive Director of Business and Support Services
 - [\(2:19:18\)](#) Presentation and approval of grants
- [\(2:21:13\)](#) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - East School Council met 12/11
 - Special Education Committee met 12/6
 - Hingham Middle School Council met 12/11
 - Salaries and Negotiations continues with meetings with teachers (1/3), paras (1/5) and administrative assistants (1/4)
 - Finance and Capital met 12/11 and meeting again on 12/14 and budget meeting will be part of the full committee meeting on 1/8
 - School Building Committee meeting 12/12
 - Exec Board met with Patrick O'Connor 12/4
 - Office Hours held 11/28
 - Foster School Council met 12/7