



January 22, 2024

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the January 22nd 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 & Capital Outlay Meeting, Monday, January 29, 2024 @7:30 PM (Newly stated time)
- School Committee Public Budget Hearing and Meeting, Monday February 5, 2024 @6:30 PM
- School Committee joint meeting with Select Board and Advisory Committee, Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @6:30 PM

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January 22nd, 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](#). Additionally, recent documents and communications about [contract negotiations](#) and the [budget process](#) are available.

We have included timestamps below so you can skip ahead to discussions that may be of particular interest to you.

- [\(3:14\)](#) Superintendent's Report
 - Elementary families are encouraged to enroll in Aspen as all report cards will now be provided electronically
 - Registration is available on the HPS website for the Integrated Preschool and Kids in Action Preschool programs
 - Kindergarten open house was held on 1/17 and registration has opened for families
 - HHS Chorus department is holding a Mattress Fundraiser
 - Student Attendance information from DESE was provided with Hingham Middle School being flagged as a priority school to improve chronic absenteeism
- [\(9:33\)](#) Communications



- (9:33) An update was provided by Alex Doggett and Slater Fairfield from the Student Advisory Council
- (11:39) Nes Correnti shared feedback received about the potential community service requirements for high school students
- (12:11) New Business
 - (12:11) The Committee shared in honoring HHS student Honora Andrews who has been selected to represent MA as one of the U.S. Presidential Scholar nominees
 - (15:43) Budget overview for FY '25 including Elementary, Middle, High School, and Athletics was presented
 - (1:40:08) Updates to the Middle School Program of Studies were presented and approved by the committee
 - (1:42:08) Updates to the High School Program of Studies were presented including a discussion on the potential of a community service requirement for graduation. The Program of Studies was approved with a revised pilot program of the community service requirement to be reviewed again after implementation to determine how to best move ahead.
- (2:54:42) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - East School Council Meeting 1/23
 - Hingham Education Foundation meeting held about grant opportunities
 - Special Education subcommittee meeting to be scheduled
 - Human Rights Commission meeting held
 - SNAP meeting held
 - Educational Programming meeting to be scheduled
 - Hingham Middle School Council met 1/8
 - Salaries and Negotiations met last week with teachers (Unit A), and administrative assistants and will be meeting Unit D 1/25 and Unit A 1/30
 - Finance Meeting to be held 1/26
 - Hingham Unity Council and SEPAC hosting a Community Conversation on disabilities 3/16
 - Plymouth River School Council meeting 1/23
 - Hingham Arts Alliance fundraiser scheduled for 3/24
 - Policy meeting to be scheduled
 - Wellness Committee met last week