



March 12, 2024

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the March 12th 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, March 25, 2024 at 6:30PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:30PM
- Town Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:30PM

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March 12th, 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.

- [\(4:53\)](#) Comments from the public
- [\(14:09\)](#) Dr. Adams provided a report of district happenings including a congratulations to those students that competed in MMEA Southeastern Junior District Music Festival, HHS History Day competition, info on the All-Town Band Concert and HMS Mary Poppins production, the hiring of Tara Boening as the new South School principal, KIA enrollment, DESE Program review, new IEP information and Foster construction progress.
- [\(20:32\)](#) Communications
 - [\(20:37\)](#) An update was provided by Alex Doggett and Slater Fairfield from the Student Advisory Council
- [\(29:45\)](#) Unfinished Business
 - [\(29:45\)](#) FY25 [Budget](#) discussion and approval of the \$68,003,624 school budget.
 - As part of the budget discussions additional committee approvals included:



- \$1,438,355 request for funding from the town under the MOU for out of district tuitions
- Capital budget of \$921,714
- Increased athletic fees from \$375 to \$425. Hockey fee is \$625. The family cap increases to \$1,100 and \$1,300 for hockey families
- Kindergarten full-day fee will remain at \$2,950 and not be decreased this year
- Facilities rental fees increase of 5%
- Institute a high school activity fee of \$100/student/year
- [\(1:33:16\)](#) New Business
 - [\(1:33:16\)](#) Discussion of proposed layoffs with a divided vote and approval of the following positions to be informed prior to the March 15 Hingham Educators Association (teachers union) required contract deadline:
 - Hingham High School
 - (1) Social Studies/History Teacher
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 - (1) World Language Teacher
 - (0.8) Art Teacher
 - (0.6) Music Teacher
 - Hingham Middle School
 - Reduction of a Library Media Specialist from 1.0 to .5
 - (1) World Language Teacher
 - (0.2) Art Teacher
 - Elementary Level
 - (1) Elementary Teacher
 - [\(2:55:16\)](#) Approval of naming of the stage in the Cafetorium at the new Foster elementary school to honor Anna Quinlivan
 - [\(2:58:01\)](#) First read of policies:
 - FF - Naming New Facilities
 - JBB - Educational Equity
 - JB- Equal Education Opportunities
 - JFBB - School Choice
 - JIC - Student Discipline
 - JICK - Harassment of Students
 - JFA - Non-Resident Student Admission
 - [\(3:02:02\)](#) Review of Town Annual Report
 - [\(3:03:08\)](#) Review and approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar
- [\(3:11:45\)](#) Subcommittee and Project Reports



- Hingham Arts Alliance fundraiser scheduled for 3/23
- Finance Subcommittee Meeting 3/25
- Hingham Middle School Council rescheduled
- SNAP PizzaPalooza 4/3
- Wellness Committee meeting and Equity meeting were attended