

HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 26, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Called to order: 6:00 PM

Present: Chair Nes Correnti, Vice-Chair Michelle Ayer, Secretary Jen Benham, Kerry Ni, Tim Dempsey, Alyson Anderson, Matt Cosman and Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams

Adjourn to Executive Session and to reconvene to open session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) for the purposes of:

To hear a grievance from HEA Unit A as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Called to Order at 6:45 PM

School Committee Chair Nes Correnti reconvened the open meeting at 6:45 PM, and began by reading the following statement for those participating by zoom:

This meeting is being held in person and/or remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.

School Committee members present: Chair Nes Correnti, Vice-Chair Michelle Ayer, Secretary Jen Benham, Kerry Ni, Tim Dempsey, Alyson Anderson, and Matt Cosman

School Committee members participating remotely: none

School Committee members absent: none

Central Office Members present: Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams, Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts, Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong, and Interim Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Barbara Cataldo
Also present: Executive Assistant Sherry Robertson

This meeting incorporated the use of the OWL camera to broadcast the meeting via Zoom. Harbormedia was also present and recording the meeting.

Visitors present: High School Principal Rick Swanson; Hingham High School Students Ellie McKay, Aradhana Sood, Nina Murphy, Mia Nagle, Sam Ackerman, and Vi Palmer; ELA Director Mary Andrews and Math Director Dave Jewett; HEA President Jacqueline Beaupre

Remote visitors: There were approximately 35 remote attendees on Zoom.

School Showcase: Hingham High School

Hingham High School students Ellie McKay, Aradhana Sood presented information showcasing the Global Citizenship Program, Nina Murphy, Mia Nagle presented information about the Arts Pathways program, and Sam Ackerman, and Vi Palmer presented information about the Technology and Engineering Pathway program.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on February 5, 2024

Questions and Comments

none at this time

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Adams provided an update to the School Committee on happenings in the district. Topics mentioned included: School Attending Children Report; Updates on the searches for a new Executive Director of Student Services and South Elementary School Principal; a presentation of Superintendent Formative Artifacts and Evaluation criteria.

Communications

none

Student Communications

none

Unfinished Business

FY 25 Budget Discussion

Executive Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong reported that there were no new changes to the proposed budget and noted that the Committee will vote on the budget at the next regular meeting on March 12th.

New Business

Warrant article N - Municipal Property Leases for Solar Project

Chair of the Hingham Light Board Laura Burns gave a presentation to the Committee explaining the warrant article which will be voted on at this year's Town Meeting which proposes putting solar panels on the roofs of public buildings.

Overnight and Out-of-State Athletic Trips

Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni participated by zoom and described the proposed travel for the Boy's Lacrosse Team and the Boys' and Girls' Crew Teams to participate in competitions.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the trip for the Boys' Lacrosse Team to travel to Huntington, New York on March 23-24th

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the trip for the Boys' Lacrosse Team to travel to Simsbury, Connecticut on April 13th

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the trip for the Boys' Lacrosse Team to travel to Pinkerton, New Hampshire on April 27th

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the trip for the Boys' and Girls' Crew Teams to travel to Hooksett, New Hampshire on May 11th

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the trip for the Boys' and Girls' Crew Teams to travel to Hanover, New Hampshire on May 18th

Athletic Waiver for JV Softball

Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni explained the MIAA waiver he is requesting to allow 8th graders to participate at junior varsity level for softball.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the request for a waiver to allow 8th grade participation in JV Softball

Winter Student Assessments

Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts, ELA Director Mary Andrews, and Math Director Dave Jewett presented the mid-year assessment data for grades K-6.

Strategic Plan Update #2

Dr. Adams gave the second Strategic Plan update this year, providing detailed ways in which the district is working toward the goals within the strategic plan of Collaboration and Community, Responsive Teaching and Learning, Healthy, Equitable and Inclusive Communities, Capital and Finance, and Human Resources and Leadership.

Student Services Update #2

Interim Executive Director Dr. Barbara Cataldo gave an update of the Department of Student Services which included an update of the Support Program Review, strengthening communication, as well as details regarding the new version of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Update from Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee

Kerry Ni updated the Committee regarding the ongoing negotiations with collective bargaining units. HEA President Jacqueline Beaupre made comments regarding the negotiations, as well.

Grants and Donations

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve a PTO grant for a stipend for Harbormen Helping Hingham Day

Declaration of Surplus

none

Subcommittee and Project Reports

- Kerry Ni reported the Middle School Council meet on March 8th
- Nes Correnti reported that the Foster School Council held a meeting today



Other items as may not reasonable be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting


none



Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham

Documents Included:


 [Agenda 02.26.2024.pdf](#) 



 [Item 4.1 Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on February 5, 2024.docx.pdf](#) 



 [Item 6.0 February 26 2024 Superintendent Report.pdf](#) 



 [Item 6.0 Superintendents Report 2024 School Attending Data Collection.pdf](#) 

 [Item 6.1 Superintendents Report 2023 School Attending Data Collection.pdf](#) 



 [Item 6.2 FY24 MAdams Formative Artifacts .pdf](#) 


 [Item 6.2 Superintendent Formative Evaluation SY23-24 Artifacts \(1\).pdf](#) 


 [Item 9.1 School Showcase 02-26-24.pdf](#) 

 [Item 9.2 Municipal Solar Opportunities.pdf](#) 



 [Item 9.3 Out of State Athletic Trips.pdf](#) 


 [Item 9.4 8thGradeJVSoftball.docx \(1\).pdf](#) 


 [Item 9.5 MOY Data Presentation-2024.pdf](#) 

 [Item 9.6 FY24 Hingham Public Schools Strategic Plan Overview Update #2 \(1\).pdf](#) 

 [Item 9.6 Strategic Plan Update #2 FY24 \(1\).pdf](#) 

 [Item 9.7 Student Services SC Goals Update 2.26.24.docx.pdf](#) 

 [Item 9.9 Memorandum Re_ PTO Stipend for Coordinator \(1\).pdf](#) 

 [Item 10 warrants.pdf](#) 