

## HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 25, 2024

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **Called to Order at 6:30 PM**

School Committee Chair Nes Correnti called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Alyson Anderson, and Matt Cosman

**School Committee members participating remotely:** none

**School Committee members absent:** Tim Dempsey

**Central Office Members present:** Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams, Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts, and Executive Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Opong; Interim Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Barbara Cataldo

Also present: Executive Assistant Sherry Robertson and Student Advisory Committee Representatives Alex Doggett and Slater Fairfield

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:** There were students and families from East Elementary as well as Principal Jonathan Hawes, and four other guests.

**Remote visitors:** There were approximately 85 remote attendees on Zoom.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee meeting held on February 28, 2024

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee meeting held on March 4, 2024

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 March 12, 2024

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee meeting held on March 13, 2024

### **School Showcase: East Elementary School**

Principal Jonathan Hawes gave a presentation of the student-created Newspaper Club. Several students spoke about their participation in the club.

### **Questions and Comments**

None

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Adams provided an update to the School Committee on happenings in the district. Topics mentioned included: sharing of mental health resources; the grade 8 trip to Quebec; congratulations to students for their awards in a writing contest; and update on layoffs; and an enrollment update.

### **Student Communications**

Student Advisory Committee Representatives Alex Doggett and Slater Fairfield updated the Committee on recent events such as the beginning of spring sports, the Unity Project, and National History Day.

### **Other Communication**

School Committee Chair Nes Correnti shared a statement and requested the community that regardless of the challenging budget and negotiations, that we please continue to treat all with kindness, patience and respect.

### **Policy Updates**

The Committee discussed Policy FF- Naming New Facilities and agreed to review it again at the next meeting.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Alyson Anderson

- It was **voted** to approve Policy JBB Educational Equity; JB- Equal Education Opportunities; JFBB- School Choice; JIC- Student Discipline; JICK- Harassment of Students; and JFA- Non-resident Students Admissions

### **Special Education Program Evaluation**

Interim Executive Director of Student Services, Dr. Barbara Cataldo gave a presentation of the Special Education Program Evaluation and next steps.

### **Student Opportunity Act**

Superintendent Dr. Adams and Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts gave a presentation on DESE's Student Opportunity Act from DESE which Outlines evidence-based programs and strategies that will improve the educational experiences and outcomes of all students.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approved the Student Opportunity Act development plan

### **Fee Increases**

Derek Smith shared a proposal for a transitional summer camp program at Hingham Middle School for students to help with the transition from grade 5 to 6.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the \$350 fee for the preparation summer camp at Hingham Middle School

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the replacement cost fee and or repair of \$200 to cover damaged Chromebooks not covered by those who participate in the insurance program

The Committee discussed a proposal for additional technology fees and moved to revisit in FY25

The Committee also discussed proposal for a transportation fee and moved to hold and revisit in FY25

### **Grants and Donations**

#### **Hingham Sports Partnership**

- On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

It was **voted** to accept the donation from Hingham Sports Partnership in the amount of \$180,000 toward the cost to design and build The Dock at Hingham High School

#### **Hingham Arts Alliance**

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to Approved grant from Hingham Arts Alliance in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for display boards for Foster and East school

### **Declaration of Surplus**

- On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

**It was voted** to declare as surplus library books from the South Library listed and to authorize the Library Coordinator to dispose of them at the least cost to Hingham.

- On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

**It was voted** to declare as surplus a Maytag Washing Machine Model MVWX655DW1 Series C70342489 and to authorize the director of Business and Support Services to Dispose of it at the least cost to Hingham.

### **Subcommittee Reports/Warrants Signed**

- Matt Cosman reported that the Special Education Subcommittee will be holding interviews for Special Education legal counsel on 3/27 and 3/28
- Alyson Anderson reported that the Hingham Arts Alliance fundraiser on 3/23 was a success and that the Policy Subcommittee meeting will be held on 3/27
- Kerry Ni reported that Negotiations with Unit A to be held on 3/26, Unit B 3/27 and Unit D 3/28 and that the Hingham Middle School Council met on 3/18
- Jen Benham reported that the Finance Subcommittee met 3/25 and the South School Council meeting will be held on 3/27

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

none

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:12 PM, not to return to Open Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) not to return to Open Session for the purposes of:

To approve minutes of the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee Executive Session held on February 28, 2024 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

To approve minutes of the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee Executive Session held on March 4, 2024 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

To approve minutes from the Executive Session held on March 12, 2024 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares














































To approve minutes of the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee Executive Session held on March 13, 2024 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

To provide an update on negotiations with HEA Unit A, B, and D as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham

## Documents Included:

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	Item 7.1 Policy Updates
	2.1 Minutes of the 2.28.24 Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee .pdf 
	2.2 Minutes of the 3.4.24 Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee.pdf 
	2.3 Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on March 12, 2024.docx (1).pdf 
	2.4 Minutes of the 3.13.24 Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee with participation of the full School Committee.pdf 
	03.25.2024 Agenda.pdf 
	Item 3.0 East Elementary Showcase_Newspaper Club.pdf 
	Item 5.0 2023-2024 District MCAS Calendar.pdf 
	Item 5.0 March 25 2024 Superintendent Report.pdf 
	Item 5.0 March_1_2024 Enrollment Summary.pdf 
	Item 8.1 HINGHAM Special Education Program Review Report 2-5-24.pdf 
	Item 8.1 Special Education Program Evaluation.pdf 
	Item 8.2 HPS SOA PLAN 2024-2027.pdf 
	Item 8.2 HPS SOA Plan SC Presentation-March 2024.pdf 
	Item 8.2 Memo to SC--2024-2027 SOA Plan--3-25-24.pdf 
	Item 8.3 HMS Fee Memo - Summer Program 2024 - Google Docs.pdf 
	Item 8.3 Technology Fee - Google Docs.pdf 
	Item 8.3 Transportation Fee - Google Docs.pdf 
	Item 8.4 HSP donation.pdf 
	Item 8.4 The Dock 3_25_24 - HSP Donation.docx - Google Docs.pdf 
	Item 8.5 2024 Arts Alliance Grant HPS Fine Arts Memo 3_21_24.pdf 
	Item 8.6 Declaration of Surplus Materials - March 25 2024.docx - Google Docs.pdf 
	Item 8.6 List of Surplus South Library Books.pdf 

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