

## HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 16, 2023

### MEETING MINUTES

**Called to Order at 6:00 PM**

School Committee Vice Chair Michelle Ayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

**School Committee members participating remotely:** none

**School Committee members absent:** Chair Nes Correnti

**Central Office Members present:** Superintendent Dr. Margaret Adams

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

It was **voted** to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3)

- To approve minutes from the Executive Session held on October 2, 2023 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, C, and D as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares
- To discuss matters related to the Bus/Van Drivers Union collective bargaining successor contract for 2023-2026 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

**Reconvene: 6:30 PM**

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

**School Committee members participating remotely:** none

**School Committee members absent:** Chair Nes Correnti

This meeting incorporated the use of the OWL camera to broadcast the meeting via Zoom. Harbor Media was also present and recording the meeting. An HEA representative present, Aaron Dockser also stated they were recording the meeting.

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

**Visitors present:** Select Board Member Liz Klein, many HEA members and members of the community were present for a total of approximately 45 visitors present.

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

**Approval of minutes:**

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on October 2, 2023

**Questions and Comments:**

Public comment period was extended to allow community members a chance to provide feedback on the current negotiations. HEA President Jacqueline Beaupre spoke and informed the Committee that the union has voted to work to rule. Many members of the HEA also spoke in support of paraeducators and teachings regarding contract negotiations.

**Superintendent's Report**

- **Enrollment Update**  
Updated enrollment report and ongoing trends were provided to the committee noting the total number of students as of October 1<sup>st</sup> is 3,715.
- **Operational Services Division memo re: rate of inflation/ student services**  
Dr. Adams shared a memo from the state's Operational Service Division analysis which gives the estimated rates of inflation of 4.69% for FY 25 for Out of District programs.

**Unfinished Business**

**Policies (BA - BDFA-E-3) second read**

Policy updates to current policies BA through BDFA-E-3 were discussed.

On a motion by Alyson Anderson and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to approve the changes to policies BA through BDFA-E-3

**New Business**

**Memorandum of Agreement with the Bus/Van Drivers Union**

Chair of the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee, Kerry Ni, explained that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Bus/Van Drivers' Union.

On a motion by Kerry Ni and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to ratify the agreement between the Hingham School Committee and the Bus/Van Drivers' Union for 2023-2026

Michelle Ayer- aye  
Jen Benham – aye  
Kerry NI- aye  
Tim Dempsey – aye  
Alyson Anderson – aye  
Matt Cosman – aye  
Select Board Chair Liz Klein - aye

### **Report on Spring MCAS**

Assistant Superintendent Katie Roberts, ELA Director Mary Andrews, Math Director David Jewett and Science Director Michelle Romano presented a report on the Spring MCAS data and outcomes.

### **Massachusetts Association of School Committee (MASC) Resolutions**

MASC resolutions were discussed to determine how the committee would like their representative, Alyson Anderson, to vote at the upcoming conference.

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to support resolution #1 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to full, stable funding for METCO

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to support resolution #2 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to investigations and recommendations for transportation bidding procedures

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to support resolution #3 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to regional transportation

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** support resolution #4 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to diversity, equity and inclusion

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to support resolution #5 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to MA school building authority

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to support resolution #6 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to school bus stop arm surveillance act and enforcement and penalties

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to take no action on resolution #7 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to related to MCAS Resolution

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to support resolution #8 as proposed by the MASC Board of Directors related to safe storage of firearms

### **Grants and Donations**

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Alyson Anderson

- It was **voted** to accept \$200 in donations from Ray Gouley Electric for books to be bought in memory of PRS's first Principal Roger L.

### **Declaration of Surplus:**

The Committee discussed memos from ELA Director Mary Andrews and Science Director Michelle Romano detailing surplus materials.

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to declare the Grade 6 middle school novels in the attached listing as surplus materials and authorize the Director of Business and Support Services to dispose of them at the least cost to Hingham

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman

- It was **voted** to declare the Grade 11/12 Environmental Science textbook in the attached listing as surplus materials and to authorize the Director of Business and Support Services to dispose of them at the least cost to Hingham

### **Subcommittee and Project Reports/Warrants Signed**

- Matt Cosman reported that the Special Education Subcommittee will meet on 10/25
- Alyson Anderson reported that the HEF Spelling Bee is on 11/25; the Hingham Arts Alliance Board met on 10/10; the Hingham Arts Walk was on 10/15; the Hingham Arts Alumni Panel will meet on 1/3/24; and that the Hingham Arts Social is planned for 3/23/24. She also noted that the Hingham High Drama Club will be performing Little Shop of Horrors.
- Tim Dempsey reported that the Educational Programming Subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting before mid-November.
- Kerry Ni reported that the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee continues to meet with teachers, paraeducators, and administrative assistants.
- Jen Benham reported that there is a Finance/Capital and Subcommittee meeting will be on 10/20

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

none



## Adjourn

On a motion by Jen Benham and seconded by Matt Cosman



- It was **voted** to adjourn at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham

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 Item 4.1 Minutes of the School Committee meeting held on October 2, 2023.pdf 



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 Item 6.1 October 1\_2023 Enrollment Summary updated.pdf 



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 Item 9.2--\_MCAS 2023 Presentation.pdf 



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 Item 9.3 2023 MASC Resolutions.pdf 



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 Item 9.4 Donation for School Committee Approval.pdf 

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 Item 9.5 Deaccession Memo to SC for Env Sci.pdf 



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 Item 9.5 HMS Grade 6 Book Deaccession - Sheet1.pdf 



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