

HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

November 27, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Called to order: 5:30 PM

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

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

To approve minutes from the Executive Session held on November 13, 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

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, 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, Student Advisory Committee members Alex Doggett and Slater Fairfield

This meeting incorporated the use of the OWL camera to broadcast the meeting via Zoom.

Harbor Media was also present and recorded the meeting.

Visitors present: Hingham High School Principal Rick Swanson, Middle School Principal Derek Smith, HEA President Jacqueline Beaupre, Ray Estes, Kevin Quilty

Remote visitors: There were approximately 40 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 School Committee meeting held on , November 13, 2023

Wellness Center Update

Ray Estes and Kevin Quilty from the Hingham Sports Partnership gave a presentation to update the Committee on the design and naming of the Wellness Center to be built at Hingham High School.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was voted to approve the name of “The Dock powered by New Balance” provided the School Committee’s updating any of current policies related to commercial naming of signage on buildings

Questions and Comments:

None

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Adams gave a report to the Committee that included information on the preparation being done for the FY 25 budget, the naming process for the new elementary school, the upcoming Hingham High School Drama production, Wellness Committee, Preschool planning, arts programming, and personnel and enrollment updates.

Student Communications

Alex Doggett and Slater Fairfield, from our Student Advisory Committee provided an update on happenings within Hingham High School

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

Hingham High School: School Improvement Plan

Principal Rick Swanson gave a presentation reviewing goals and action items.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the update of the School Improvement Plan for Hingham High School for the school year 23-24, as presented

Hingham Middle School: School Improvement Plan

Principal Derek Smith gave a presentation reviewing goals and action items.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the update of the School Improvement Plan for Hingham Middle School for the school year 23-24, as presented

Update on Student Services

Interim Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Barbara Cataldo gave an update of the Student Services program which included a program review, and information regarding family outreach and staff training for the new IEP.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Adams gave an update of Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Responsive Teaching and Learning; Healthy, Equitable, and Inclusive Communities; Capital and Finance; and Human Resources and Leadership.

Salary and Negotiations Update

Kerry Ni, Chair of the Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee gave an update on the progress of ongoing negotiations with each unit of the Hingham Education Association.

Chair Nes Correnti also gave a brief statement to the Community related to the ongoing negotiations and responses were given to questions raised by a teacher at the previous meeting.

Grants and Donations none

Declaration of Surplus

Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong reviewed the list of surplus items presented to the Committee in the meeting packet.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and Seconded by Jen Benham

- It was voted to declare as surplus the maintenance equipment listed below that are damaged and irreparable 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 be meeting on December 6th, and that the Hingham Education Foundation met on November 14th.































- Alyson Anderson reported that the Policy Subcommittee will be meeting on November 28th, and she reviewed the resolution votes taken at the recent MASC conference.
- Kerry Ni reported that the Middle School Council will be meeting on December 4th, and mentioned the schedule of the upcoming Salary and Negotiations meetings.
- Jen Benham reported that the Finance Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled on December 11 & 14 and a facilities tour on December 9th, and that the South School Council will meet on November 29th.
- Michelle Ayer reported that the School Building Committee will meet on November 28th, and that the Executive Board will meet with State Senator Patrick O'Connor on December 4th.
- Nes Correnti reported that the District Equity Steering Committee met on November 20th, the Wellness Committee met on November 21st, and she mentioned that School Committee Office Hours were being held on November 28th. She also reported that the next Foster School Council meeting will be on December 7th.

Other items as may not reasonable be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting none

On a motion by Michelle Ayer band seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to adjourn at 9:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham

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