



April 8, 2024

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the April 8th 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 meeting on April 29, but are intended to keep the community updated on decisions and topics discussed in our meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Details

- Town Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:30PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:30PM

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April 8th, 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.

- [\(3:04\)](#) Foster School attended to share a School Showcase presentation of their Lego Robotics club and coding successes
- [\(20:36\)](#) Comments from the public
- [\(23:41\)](#) Dr. Adams gave a summary of HPS activities including a reminder that Care Solace is available to anyone in need of mental health services, 888-515-0595, or search anonymously at www.caresolace.com/hinghamschools. Additionally she shared information about the Hingham Visual Arts Showcase, Hingham METCO Spring event, updates on the new elementary school building project, Table Talk Math event for parents, HHS-Mathematics Olympiad award recipients, HHS Robotics Team, HHS History Day awards, HMS Junior Choral Spectrum, recognition of HMS Social Studies teacher June Gustafson for the William Spratt Award for Excellence and updates on the DESE District Comprehensive Review
- [\(31:49\)](#) Communications
 - [\(31:49\)](#) An update was provided by Slater Fairfield from the Student Advisory Council



- (32:35) Kerry Ni reported communications in regards to the Work to Rule and Letters of Recommendations.
- (32:45) Unfinished Business
 - (32:50) Policy FF - Naming (first read)
- (35:18) New Business
 - (35:28) Yearly review and discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hingham Public Schools and the Hingham Police Department (first read)
 - (37:08) Discussion and approval of an athletic waiver related to HHS baseball
 - (39:33) Discussion and approval of PTO Mini-grants, METCO grant and a donation from Derby Street Shoppes
 - (43:08) Approval of items being declared as surplus
- (44:53) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - Hingham Education Foundation meeting 4/9
 - Special Education Subcommittee meeting time TBD (likely early May)
 - Plymouth River School Council meeting held 3/26
 - Hingham Arts Alliance board meeting 4/11
 - Policy Subcommittee meeting to be held on 4/27
 - Education Programming Subcommittee meeting TBD
 - SNAP held PizzaPalooza on 4/3
 - SNAP 10th Anniversary cocktail party 5/2
 - Negotiations scheduled for 4/9 and 4/10 (mediation session), 4/11
 - Foster School Council meeting held 4/4