

## HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

November 13, 2023

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **Called to order: 5PM**

**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 October 30, 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 strategy with respect to Interventionists/Tutors negotiations 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 6:40 PM**

School Committee Chair Nes Correnti called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, and Director of Business and Support Services Aisha Oppong  
Also present: Executive Assistant Sherry Robertson, Student Advisory Committee members Alex Doggett and Anthony Cicerone.

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

Harbormedia was also present and recorded the meeting.

**Visitors present:** East Elementary School Principal Mary Eastwood and Assistant Principal Lori Jacobs, Plymouth River Elementary School Principal Greg Lamothe and Assistant Principal Melissa Smith, HEA President Jacqueline Beaupre, Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni, Eugene Buczynski, Ben Louchheim.

**Remote visitors:** There were approximately 39 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 October 16, 2023

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the minutes of the School Committee joint meeting with Student Advisory Committee held on November 1, 2023

The Committee agreed to table the minute of the School Committee meeting held on 10/30/23

**Questions and Comments:**

Ben Louchheim, Hingham Educator and parent, asked about communications sent to families about the ongoing contract negotiations. Chair Nes Correnti stated that the committee will take note of the questions and put them on the next agenda.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Adams mentioned the office hours meeting from the previous week which was held to address an incident of a substitute teacher being arrested on school property. She stated that while proper procedure had been followed, the district is conducting an HR review of hiring processes. Dr. Adams also stated that there is a memo in the packet about the Foster School building project.

**Student Communications:** Student Advisory Committee members Alex Doggett and Anthony Cicerone were present. They stated that in the previous week, students honored veterans for Veterans' Day. They also congratulated the High School teams that are currently competing in state tournaments.

**Unfinished Business**

Policy Subcommittee Chair Alyson Anderson discussed the proposed changes to Policy JBB, Educational Equity.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the updates as discussed to Policy JBB- Educational Equity

**New Business**

**Plymouth River Elementary School Improvement Plan**

Principal Greg Lamothe and Assistant Principal Melissa 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 Plymouth River Elementary School, as presented

### **South Elementary School Improvement Plan**

Principal Mary Eastwood and Assistant Principal Lori Jacobs 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 South Elementary School, as presented

### **Beginning of the Year Assessment Data**

Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Roberts, ELA Director Mary Andrews, and Math Director Dave Jewitt presented findings related to assessment data in specific grade levels.

### **Update on Student Services**

This update was postponed to the next meeting.

### **Fee for the Esports program at HHS**

Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni explained a proposal to develop an Esports program at the High School.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the fee of \$187 per student for the Esports program

### **Overnight and Out-of-state Athletic Trips**

Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni asked for the Committee's permission for both the Girls' and Boys' Hockey Teams to attend overnight out-of-state competitions and for the Boys' and Girls' Ski Teams to attend a series of out-of-state day trip competitions.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the Girls' Hockey team to attend a competition in Vermont on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the Boys' Hockey to attend a competition in Vermont on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve the Boys' and Girls' ski teams to attend day competitions in New Hampshire on 12/16, 1/6, 1/21, 1/27, 2/4, and 2/10.

### **Athletic Waivers for Fall and Winter Sports**

Athletic Director Jim Quatromoni explained that in the fall season this year there were no waivers, and that this winter, there are two waivers being requested which are renewals of waivers that have been previously approved.

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve a co-operative team waiver partnering with Hull for the Gymnastics team

On a motion by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Jen Benham

- It was **voted** to approve a waiver to allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders in girls' ice hockey on the junior varsity level

### **Naming of New Elementary School**

The Committee discussed survey results and decided that a second survey would be helpful to get more feedback from the community.

### **Grants and Donations**

none

### **Declaration of Surplus**

none

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

- Matt Cosman reported that the HEF Spelling Bee will be held on November 25, and that HEF has an upcoming meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that the East School Council met on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Alyson Anderson reported that the Hingham Arts Alliance has a board meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. She also reported to the Committee the results of the votes taken on each MASC resolution and the recent conference, and also noted there would be a meeting of the Policy Subcommittee on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Tim Dempsey reported that the Educational Programming Subcommittee met on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Kerry Ni reported the status of ongoing Salary & Negotiations meetings with each of the bargaining units.
- Jen Benham reported that the Finance/Capital & Facilities will be meeting in December, and also noted that there are financial warrants in the packet.
- Nes Correnti reported that there will be upcoming office hours and that the public discussion of the elementary school naming process will take place at the next meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 at 9:16 PM



Respectfully Submitted By: Jen Benham

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