



May 6, 2024

Dear HPS Families,

Below are discussion highlights from the May 6th 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 next meeting, but are intended to keep the community updated on decisions and topics discussed in our meetings.

### Upcoming Meeting Details

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- School Committee Meeting, Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:30PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30PM

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### May 6th, School Committee Meeting Highlights

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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.

- [\(2:29\)](#) Elections for 2024-2025 Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
- [\(6:59\)](#) Andy Hoey presented June Gustafson with the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies Award of Excellence
- [\(16:27\)](#) South School joined us with their wonderful presentation of the South School story for their Showcase
- [\(23:38\)](#) Comments from the public
- [\(26:56\)](#) Update from the Superintendent
- [\(32:24\)](#) Unfinished Business
  - [\(32:24\)](#) Discussion and approval of Policy FF - Naming New Facilities
  - [\(35:49\)](#) Discussion and approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hingham Public Schools and the Hingham Police Department which is reviewed annually



- [\(37:09\)](#) New Business
  - [\(37:09\)](#) Discussion of FY25 Budget and Memorandum of Understanding, Town of Hingham FY24 Framework and FY24-28 Financial Management Plan
  - [\(1:42:30\)](#) Discussion and vote to forgo participation in the state's School Choice Program for 2024-2025 school year
  - [\(1:45:02\)](#) Update provided by Assistant Superintendent Katie Roberts on the Professional Development Plan
  - [\(2:02:46\)](#) Presentation from Erica Pollard and Jackie Sansone of Spanish Immersion and Enrichment Program fees through KIA followed by vote to approve this new programming
  - [\(2:08:39\)](#) Update from Dr. Barbara Cataldo on Student Services
  - [\(2:33:13\)](#) Discussion of the following policy updates:
    - Policy AC - Non-Discrimination including Harassment and Retaliation (first read)
    - Policy GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity (first read)
    - Policy GCF - Professional Staff Hiring (first read)
    - Policy IJ - Instructional Materials (first read)
  - [\(2:36:53\)](#) Approval of METCO 2.0 REI Implementation and HHSRA grants and donations
  - [\(2:39:36\)](#) Approval of items being declared as surplus
- [\(2:43:23\)](#) Subcommittee and Project Reports
  - Special Education Subcommittee meeting 5/8
  - Hingham Education Foundation Fundraiser was held 4/27
  - Middle School Council met 4/22 and 5/8
  - Negotiations met with Unit D twice, had mediation session with Unit A and will meet with them again 5/7
  - Several members attended the METCO tour on 5/4
  - SNAP 10th Anniversary party was held on 5/2
  - High School Council met 4/24
  - Plymouth River School Council meeting 5/28
  - Hingham Arts Alliance met on 4/11
  - Policy Subcommittee met on 4/27 and will meet again on 5/29
  - Climate Action Committee meeting 5/7
  - South School Council met 4/24