

May 23, 2024

Dear HPS Community,

Below are discussion highlights from the May 20th 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

- School Committee Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:30PM

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May 20, 2024 School Committee Meeting Highlights

A full recording of the meeting is available on [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.

- [\(2:12\)](#) School Showcase: Hingham Middle School Ambassadors Club
- [\(8:19\)](#) Presentation of the U.S. Department of State Medallion Certificate to Hingham High School and the Hingham Public Schools
- [\(13:46\)](#) Update from the Superintendent
 - Jen Driscoll has accepted the Assistant Principal position at South Elementary
 - Global Citizenship Symposium
 - Update on Director of Facilities search
 - Update on HHS Scholarship Committee
 - HPS attendance data
 - Update on new Foster School building
- [\(25:29\)](#) Student Communications
 - Orchestra and choir performed. Men's choir performing next weekend
 - Sophomores are preparing for MCAS
 - Seniors are preparing for graduation on 6/1
 - Students thank Mr. Swanson and wish him their best
- [\(26:34\)](#) Unfinished Business
 - Discussion and approval of Policies:
 - AC (Non-Discrimination including Harassment and Retaliation)
 - GBA (Equal Employment Opportunity)
 - GCF (Professional Staff Hiring)
 - IJ (Instructional Materials)
- [\(29:02\)](#) New Business

- (29:02) Update on the district Technology Plan by Assistant Superintendent Katie Roberts
- (48:31) Discussion and approval of the appointment of Barbara Cataldo as Interim Executive Director of Student Services
- (55:49) Discussion and approval of wage rates for Kids in Action, student interns, substitutes, summer teachers, and driver's education
- (1:02:25) Declaration of surplus of Foster playground items that are no longer in use, are old and damaged, or are out of service
- (1:05:08) Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - East School Council met on 5/20 and discussed the School Improvement Plan
 - Special Education Subcommittee met to discuss the Special Education program evaluation
 - Hingham Education Foundation held their final meeting of the year on 5/14
 - The Educational Programming Committee will meet the week of 6/10
 - The Human Rights Committee met on 5/20
 - South Shore SNAP board met last week
 - The School Committee reached [tentative agreement](#) on a new contract with HEA Unit D (Administrative Assistants)
 - Hingham High School Council met and reported that the PTO generously agreed to fund a stipend for the advisor of the pilot community service program
- (1:08:45) Items as may not not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting
 - Approval of naming the garden at East School The Case Teaching Garden in honor of former Assistant Principal Becky Case