

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 12, 2017

1. **Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Liza O’Reilly at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Aylene Calnan, Carlos Da Silva, Carol M. Falvey, Cynthia Galko, Liza O’Reilly, Kay Praschma, Ed Schreier

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, James LaBillois, John Ferris, and Elizabeth Kurlan

Visitors Present: Debbie Stellar, Donna Smallwood, Dave Anderson, Alec Porter, Aisha Oppong

2. **Review of minutes.** Deferred.

3. **Updates of the status of the proposed Operating Budget for FY ‘18.** Dr. Galo noted that there have been some changes since the last meeting and will make the changes and edits, as discussed, once the presentations are done and the administration prepares to give the School Committee a new revised initial budget proposal.

4. **Review of budget proposals for FY ‘18 Operating Budget.** John Ferris provided the School Committee an overview of the FY’18 budget proposal for Service and Facilities. He provided a brief overview of the budget process, to date, and provided information on aging infrastructure and equipment needs, a review of the physical plant, review of the facilities, energy forecast, maintenance and custodial needs, an update on oil and natural gas usage, transportation, athletics, student activities, and capital projects. John Ferris then provided an in-depth overview of the requests being made for the following budget lines:

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| Function 2410 Instructional Equipment | Function 4130 Utilities |
| Function 3300 Transportation | Function 4210 Maintenance of Grounds |
| Function 3510 Athletics | Function 4220 Plant Maintenance |
| Function 3520 Other Student Activity | Function 4230 Repairs of Equipment |
| Function 4110 Custodial | Function 7000 Non-Instructional Equipment |
| Function 4120 Heating of Buildings | |

Questions and answers ensued throughout each budget line presentation.

5. **Proposed Capital Budget.** Edward Schreier discussed the capital budget proposal that was provided to the Committee at the last meeting. This is the document, pending a vote, that the Long-Range Planning Committee would submit to the Capital Outlay Committee.

On a motion by Edward Schreier and seconded by Cynthia Galko,
It was

Voted: To present the Long Range Planning Subcommittee’s proposed capital budget of \$1,151,702 to the Capital Outlay Committee.

6. **Discussion on potential Warrant Article items.** Dr. Galo noted that she spoke with Selectwoman Mary Power this week. The Board of Selectmen are meeting this evening, too, and they hope to

come to consensus on warrant articles. Dr. Galo suggested that the Committee wait until there is clarity from the Board of Selectmen before they made decisions on warrant articles, which are due on January 20.

7. Subcommittee and Project Reports.

Edward Schreier noted that 200 kids signed up for public service day at HHS and reminded the Committee that the students are looking for projects to complete.

Mr. Schreier further noted that the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition has a new name: Hingham CARES 0204Free

8. Items not known 48 hours in advance. Chairwoman O'Reilly discussed the events of Monday evening's meeting and the frustration expressed by some parents of students with disabilities in attendance. She noted that she and Edward Schreier attended the SEPAC coffee event in the morning and she feels we have a clear path forward. The district's outreach to these families is being received well and all hope for a positive relationship moving forward.

9. Adjournment. On a motion by Carol M. Falvey and seconded by Edward Schreier,

It was

Voted by Roll Call: To adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to Regular Session, at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cynthia Galco