

**MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

March 28, 2016

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Estes, Carol M. Falvey, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Ed Schreier and Andy Shafter

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, Ellen Keane, John Ferris and Elizabeth Flynn

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Carlos DaSilva, Kay Praschma, Marisa Costello, Aisha Oppong, Linda Kutsch, Brad Patterson, Pdraig Cunningham, Anita Ryan.

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

2.1 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on March 14, 2016.

2.2 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Aylene Calnan,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of Executive Session of the School Committee Meeting held on March 14, 2016.

**3. Questions and Comments**

Anita Ryan spoke regarding concerns about excessive testing at state and district levels, such as CMLs.

**4. Superintendent's Report. Dr. Galo noted:**

- Good News: HHS National History Day (13 Regional and 11 State awards), the HHS National Scholastic Art Competition (4 awards), district art show in Town Hall, and parent compliment on recent HS Counseling panel presentation on the college application process.
- Update on Assistant Superintendent Search: 50 applications were received and 12 interviews are scheduled.
- Upcoming Events: HEF April 1 social/fundraiser, Drug Story Theater, Nadja Reilly talk on April 6 at 4:30 for staff and 6:30 for parents.
- MASC summary on opioid legislation and required student screening.
- Recent inappropriate and unacceptable behavior at HS drama performance and concern about attitudes behind the behavior.

**5. Communications**

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: Dr. Galo noted a parent letter with positive comments on student leadership.

5.2 Student Communications: Brad Patterson reported on activities and programs to address the recent negative incident, positive comments about HS college panel, Green Week activities, Drug Story Theater, HEF and HSP sponsored presentation by Travis Roy will be held at HHS on April 11.

- 5.3 Other Communications: Ray Estes noted Andy Shafter's retirement from the Hingham School Committee and thanked him for his service as a member and currently as chair.

**6. Unfinished Business**

- 6.1 The Committee discussed changes to the proposed mobile vendor policy as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the changes to the proposed policy.

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Liza O'Reilly,

It was

Voted: To adopt the revised version of Policy 7.4.13, Mobile and Commercial Vendors on School Property.

**7. New Business**

- 7.1 The Committee received proposed changes to Section 7.4 of the School Committee Policy Handbook. Liza O'Reilly reviewed proposed changes with action likely to be recommended at the next School Committee meeting.

- 7.2 The Committee heard an update on the status of the FY17 Operating Budget. Dr. Galo reviewed PowerPoint slides "FY17 Proposed Budget Tracking," "Revised Budget \$47,793,676 (budget gap of \$179,955)," "March 28, 2016 Update to Preliminary FY17 Operating Budget," "What Remains of Proposed New Items," "What Has Been Proposed to be Cut as of 3/28/16," "Where Do We Go Next?"

School Committee Comments and Questions: Possibility of adding Middle School Transition Room position, possibility of adding cut positions if more funding available, priority of funding reading adoption K-5 (\$344,000).

- 7.3 The Committee heard an update to the status of the proposed transportation funding budget. John Ferris reviewed an alternative bus lease proposal and projected savings over the current full service lease proposal from First Student.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Why is there a need for 2 spare buses? Are spare buses rotated in service? Paying stipend to bus drivers to manage insurance and inspection, proposed delivery date August 1, possible need for late delivery penalty, DPW vehicle maintenance facilities, and possibility of recycling buses on a rotating basis.

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To reject all bids for full service bus lease.

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To authorize the Director of Business and Support Services to finalize pricing and enter into a five year lease arrangement with DATTCO for 22 77-passenger buses under a national Cooperative Purchasing contract procured by the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA - A governmental entity) for an annual cost not to exceed \$275,000. Such lease may include 2 buses with a buyout at the end of the five year lease for \$1 each and at least 20 buses that will be returned to the lessor at the end of the five years.

7.4 The Committee decided to postpone discussion on non-union contracts until the meeting of April 11, 2016.

7.5 The Committee received notification of the overnight field trip of high school students to Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic on February 17 - 26, 2017.

**8. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.** None.

**9. Subcommittee and Project Reports**

Community Outreach: Cynthia Galko reported on a meeting held today (March 28, 2016).

Long Range Planning: Ray Estes spoke about possible comments on HAWC at Town Meeting.

Policy: Liza O'Reilly noted a meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

Dr. Galo noted that there will be an Executive Session scheduled at 7:00 PM on April 11, 2016, prior to the regularly schedule School Committee meeting.

**10. Adjournment**

On a motion by Carol M. Falvey and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 9:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Aylene Calnan