

**MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**June 18, 2018 at 7:30PM**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayer at 7.32 p.m.

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Carlos Da Silva, Libby Lewiecki, Kerry Ni, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma, and Ed Schreier.

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

Visitors Present: June MK Gustafson, Ryan Puntiri, Jennifer Doan, Tim Dempsey, Kathryn Black, Edan Larkin, Abby Fennelly, Peter Finney, Raymond Estes, Joh Ross, Aisha Oppong, Jaime Kenney, Courtney Orwig, Mary Power, Rich Terres, Christine Smith, Jennifer VanGelder Gallagher, Andy Wayne, Audrie Knight, Tony Messina, Maryellen Holler, Dan Clune, John Todd, Eugene Buczynski, Bob Kniffen

2. The Committee received the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Hingham Bus and Van Drivers' Association. Liza O'Reilly welcomed Mary Power from Board of Selectment to the meeting. She then provided an overview of the agreement to the Committee.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carlos DaSilva,

It was

Voted: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Hingham Bus and Van Drivers' Association. All in favor, including Mary Power; none opposed.

3. **Approval of Minutes** None.

**4. Questions and Comments**

Abby Fennelly, Hingham High School (HHS) student, provided both a question and a concern relative to a tweet by a HHS faculty member and questioned the existence of a policy relative to social media use by school personnel. Discussion ensued. Dr. Galo explained that no such policy exists, but she shared her concern over the tweet and the impact it has had on the culture of HHS.

Eden Larkin, HHS student and an editor of *The Harborlight*, expressed concern that the timing of the incident was such that the school community is preparing to dismiss for the summer and expressed her hope that discussions on the issue would continue throughout the summer. Dr. Galo explained that this incident will be discussed at the Administrative Retreat on July 10 and also provided other options for discussion.

School Committee Chair Michelle Ayer read a statement regarding the incident.

A parent, Jamie Kenney, read a statement regarding their feelings about a recent DESE decision from the Problem Resolution System relative to the provision of copies of tests and quizzes in the student work folders to parents who request them. Discussion ensued. Dr. Galo is preparing the district's response to the decision, due on Friday, June 22, 2018.

**5. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Galo shared the success of our students at a recent national track meet, and highlighted the high school's "catching kindness" award recipients. Dr. Galo also remarked on a recent letter in the *Hingham Journal* by a community member complimenting the Memorial Day Ceremony at Plymouth River School.

Dr. Galo also shared the most recent Facilities Report, summarizing activities completed during May and June.

**6. Communications** None

**7. New Business**

7.1 The School Committee received the Athletic Department Program Review. Director of Athletics Mr. James Quatromoni was in attendance and began his presentation by providing an overview of league affiliations, as well as the total number of teams, levels of team, and participants. Director Quatromoni then reviewed the student leadership training organized by his office and the work he has been engaged in relative to the program culture. Director Quatromoni reviewed affiliated club sports and the new Pixellot camera used to improve student-athlete performance.

Director Quatromoni then reviewed the Unified Track program and reviewed the performance of our teams over the past few years. Director Quatromoni reviewed student-athlete participation by grade and gender, followed by a review of the athletics facilities, transportation, and capital improvements. Director Quatromoni then reviewed areas for continued growth in the years to come.

Committee discussion ensued on topics such as partnering with youth sports, athletic program culture and its intersection with the HHS climate committee, transportation, and facilities improvement. The Committee thanked Director Quatromoni for his presentation.

7.2 The School Committee received the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) Annual Report. Tim Miller-Dempsey, newly elected Chair of the Hingham SEPAC, addressed the Committee and introduced the new members of the SEPAC Board. Mr. Miller-Dempsey began his presentation by reviewing the role of the SEPAC. Mr. Miller-Dempsey then provided the Committee with a review of activities completed during the 2017-2018 school year, and then provided some insight into the future directions of the organization. School Committee Vice-Chair Liza O'Reilly thanked the Hingham SEPAC for the work completed.

7.3 The Committee received notification of the appointment of Colleen McDonald, School Psychologist/Chair at PRS, and Louis Pires, Science/Mathematics teacher at HHS, effective August 27, 2018.

7.4 The Committee received notification of the resignation of John Pearson, Music teacher at East School, effective June 30, 2018.

**8. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**

Committee members were asked to let Pam know if anyone would like to attend the MASC/MASS joint conference scheduled for November 7-10.

**9. Subcommittee and Project Reports**

Policy: Met today and was the first meeting for the reconstituted subcommittee. Next meeting is scheduled for 7/18/18 at 9:00 a.m.

Salary & Negotiations: The subcommittee has met and reviewed proposals from search consultants for the Superintendent Search. It is now down to two candidates (NESDEC and MASC) and both will be interviewed on Thursday.

Special Education: The subcommittee met last week and met with the new SEPAC board and planned meetings throughout the year. The subcommittee will also attend the SEPAC meetings, schedules permitting.

Community Outreach: Subcommittee met and is waiting on the final report from Stackr. Once it is in-hand, next steps will be discussed.

Long-Range Planning: It was reported that the Town has received approximately 1/3 of the money associated with the Beal Street project, with the remaining funds coming within the next six months.

10. **Adjournment**


On a motion by Kay Praschma and seconded by Kerry Ni,


It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 9:18 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kay Praschma


Documents included in meeting packet:


6-18-18 Agenda.pdf 


6-18-18 Annotated Agenda.docx 

Item 2 HINGHAM BUS AND VAN DRIVERS MEMORANDUM OF


Item 2 Summary of Bus and Van Driver Contract.pdf 


Item 5 Facility Dept May Report.pdf 

Item 5 Good News.pdf 

Item 7.1 SEPAC Annual Report.pdf 

Item 7.2 Athletic Dept Program Review 2018.pdf 

Item 9 Posting: Upcoming Superintendent Search 

Item 9 S&N Agenda June 21, 2018.pdf 

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