

## HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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## Hingham School Committee

### Superintendent Search Screening Committee

School Committee appointee

Liza O'Reilly, Chair

Liza O'Reilly serves as the current Vice Chair of the School Committee having been elected in 2013. She is also active with the League of Women Voters of Hingham, Sunset Point Camp in Hull and as Overseer at the South Shore Conservatory. Currently, she provides organizational leadership and development services to non-profit organizations after working in the Sports Marketing industry for 20 years, including 14 years at Reebok International. She earned a B.S. degree from Carnegie-Mellon University. Liza and her husband have lived in Hingham for 26 years with their three children who all attend or graduated from Hingham Public Schools.

School Committee appointee

Carlos DaSilva, Vice Chair

Carlos A.F. Da Silva was elected to the School Committee in 2016 and currently serves as Chair of the Long-Range Planning sub-committee. Upon his election, Carlos became the first Brazilian-American elected to public office in the United States. Mr. Da Silva holds a B.A. in Union Leadership and Administration-Cum Laude from the National Labor College and earned his Associates in Labor Management Relations-Cum Laude from Quincy College. Mr. Da Silva is a State Auditor with the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development assigned to the South Shore. Carlos and his wife, Rita Sandonato Da Silva are parents of two Hingham Public Schools graduates.

Central Office Administrator

John Ferris, Director of Business and Services

John Ferris has been the Director of Business and Support services for the Hingham public School since January 2011. As a senior leader for the school system John directs all functions of school operations including: the \$52+million budget; capital building projects all accounting functions; facilities management for ten buildings; food service operations; the transportation organization operating and maintaining 24 buses and 9 special education vans; negotiations for six bargaining units and individual contracts; and HR role in administration of the contracts for more than 600 people. John holds an MBA from Bryant University, is a Certified Management Accountant. John and his wife live in Hingham and has two children graduated from Hingham Public Schools.

Principal - Secondary

Derek Smith, Hingham Middle School

Derek Smith began his career as a grade six teacher at the Donovan Elementary School in Randolph, MA where he co-taught in an inclusion classroom for six years. In 2002, Derek was named principal of the Donovan, and remained in that position until 2004. He then moved to Hingham and took on the role of assistant principal at Hingham Middle School. After nine years, he became principal. Derek attended Bridgewater State University where he received his B.S. in Elementary Education, master's degree in elementary education, and, eventually a CAGS in school administration.

Principal - Elementary

Anthony Keady, East School

Tony Keady has been an educator for 19 years and a principal in the Hingham Public Schools for the past 11 years. He has a B.A. from University of Massachusetts, Amherst, master's degree in Elementary Education from Lesley University and a master's degree in Education Leadership from Northeastern University. During his tenure, Tony has served on several district wide committees that include search committees for the principal of Plymouth River School and Director of Student Services. Prior to becoming an educator, Tony was the human resources administrator for a private security firm.

Department Director

Katie Roberts, Science

Katie Roberts has worked in the Hingham Public Schools for 20 years, hired as a middle school science and math teacher, transitioned to a K-5 science specialist, and for the past seven years has served as K-12 Science Director and HHS botany teacher. In addition, she is currently coordinating the district's K-12 Computer Science Initiative and has served on the HTSS Social-Emotional task force and Educator Evaluation Working group. Katie earned a B.A. degree from Dartmouth College, an M.S. in Biology from Northeastern University. She is a Hingham resident and has two children who attend Grades 1 and 3 at South School.

Teacher - Secondary level

Margaret Curran

Margaret Curran has been a 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Hingham Middle School for 11 years. She has also served as an Ambassador Club Advisor, on the Homework Committee, and as an HPS Professional Development instructor. Margaret lives in Hingham and has three children who attended Hingham Public Schools. In addition, she volunteers in the community as a Religious Education Teacher/Confirmation Facilitator (St. Paul's and Resurrection), Jimmy Fund Walk Volunteer/Walker, Christmas in the City Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, and Friends of the Homeless Volunteer.

Teacher - Elementary level

Monica Matthews

Monica Matthews has been a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Foster School for 15 years. She has served on the HEA Crisis Team and as at the Faculty representative to the Foster PTO.

Monica lives in Hingham and has three children attending the Hingham Public Schools. They are currently at the Middle School and attended Foster School. Monica has also volunteered as the Chair of the HEF Spelling Bee for many years.

Public Official – Advisory Committee      Linda Kutsch

Linda Kutsch served nine years on the School Committee in the 1990s, including as its Chair and on the last Superintendent Search Committee in Hingham when Superintendent Gary Baker was hired. More recently, she served six years on the Advisory Committee, including five years as a liaison on the Advisory Committee's Education Subcommittee (ACES), serving as chair in her last year, and on the Working Group to establish the Special Education Reserve Fund for unanticipated tuitions. Linda's three children all graduated from the Hingham Public Schools and two of her grandchildren currently attend East School.

Public Official – Town Administrator      Charles J. Cristello

Charles J. Cristello served as Hingham's Town Administrator from 1992 to 2008. During his tenure, he played a major role in: working with the MBTA to resolve Greenbush issues; improving the town's bond rating from A to AAA; hiring the town's first human resources director; and serving as president of the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association. He went on to serve as Town Manager in Middleboro until he retired in 2014. Post-retirement, he continues to serve Hingham on the Town Administrator By-Law Committee, Town Hall Study Committee and Contributory Retirement Board. He has lived in Hingham for 16 years and his daughter graduated from Hingham High School.

Parent/Guardian – PTO appointed      Susannah Cahillane

Susannah Cahillane is the parent of an 8th grader at HMS and a 5th grader at Foster. Susannah worked as a high school English teacher and Department Head for 8 years, and an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and consultant for K-12 for an additional 9 years. She worked as an English teacher in Westwood, MA school district, Boulder Valley School District, CO, and as an ESL teacher through North River Collaborative. She was a RETELL Instructor of the Sheltered English Inclusion (SEI) course for Massachusetts teachers and administrators. Susannah holds master's degrees in English, Teaching, and Multicultural and Bilingual Education. She is currently self-employed.

Parent/Guardian – PTO appointed      Christine Smith

Christine Smith is a banker by profession and an active community volunteer. She is a former School Committee Member who served as Chair, and Foster School PTO President and Treasurer. Currently, she serves as an appointed member of the South Shore Country Club Management Committee, as President of the Hingham Gridiron Club, and is a member of the Friends of Hingham Public Schools. She is the parent of three children and multiple nieces and nephews who've attended Hingham Public

Schools. Two of her children have graduated and one is in his Senior year at the High School. Christine earned a B.A. in Economics from Providence College.

Parent/Guardian – SEPAC appointed     Mary Beth Barber

Mary Beth Barber has worked in public relations, marketing and consulting and founded her own business. She has served on numerous philanthropic and non-profit boards including: School Year Abroad, Junior Council for the American Museum of Natural History; Young New Yorkers for the Philharmonic; YWCA of Princeton, NJ; and the Board of the International Asherman's Association. In Princeton, she also served on the Board of the Valley Road School, a pre-school for immigrant children to help them learn English and Kindergarten readiness skills. She moved to Hingham 6 years ago and has daughter at Hingham Middle School. She has a B.A. from Goucher College.

At-Large Community member                     Christina Doble

Christina Doble is a speech language pathologist who has worked in a local public-school district for 10+ years. She is also a certified reading specialist. She has three children with her oldest attending East School. Christina serves: as a current Board Member for Wilder Nursery School; PTO co-enrichment coordinator for first grade at East School; Hingham Womens Club Member; and previous Hingham Newcomers Membership Director

At-Large Community member                     Rick Dwyer

Rick Dwyer has started and run two technology companies in the education space over the past 25 years. During that time, Rick has worked closely with school personnel at all levels including teachers, administrators, counselors, secretaries, principals, and superintendents covering districts of all sizes – from 350,000+ students to 100 students. His businesses built software systems to help schools run efficiently and effectively covering attendance and grade reporting to special education and state reporting. Rick serves on the Board of Directors of Care2Communities to provide community-based health care in Haiti. Rick graduated from Hingham High School, Harvard College and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.