

HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Regular Meeting 7:30

Middle School Library

AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Recognitions/Presentations: 7:35

- High School Drama Club – Scotland Trip
- Jeremy Dodge
- The Haroian Family

III. Public Comments: 7:40

IV. Reports to the School Committee

- A. 7:45 – 7:55: Superintendent's Update
- B. 7:55 – 8:05: Director of Finance Update – Mr. Dumas
 - Refresh of Habeeb Report
 - HVAC and Window Study Update
- C. 8:05 – 8:20: Director of Technology Update – Mrs. Dooley
 - Summer Work
 - New School District Website

V. Old Business

- A. 8:20 – 8:30: 2011-2012 School Committee Communications Plan – Mrs. Bertschmann and Mrs. Burdick (vote required)
- B. 8:30 – 8:40: Superintendent's Goals – Dr. Landman (vote required)
- C. 8:40 – 8:50: School Committee/District 2011-2012 Goals - Mrs. Bertschmann (vote required)
- D. 8:50 – 9:00: Strategic Plan Refresh Update – Ms. Robak and Mrs. Burdick
 - Working Session on September 28
- E. 9:00 – 9:20: School Building Assessment Subcommittee Update – Mr. Mick
 - MSBA Update – Dr. Landman
 - Proposed Joint BoS/School Committee Meeting
 - Proposed timeline and process for starting fresh
- F. 9:20 – 9:30: School Committee Policy: *EEA* Transportation of Students – Dr. Colombo and Mrs. Bertschmann (2nd reading)

VI. New Business

- A. 9:30 – 9:40: School Committee Policy: *EBC* Safety and Security – Dr. Colombo and Mrs. Bertschmann (1st reading)
- B. 9:40 – 9:50: School Committee Policy: *JFA* Students on Non-Immigrant Visas – Dr. Colombo and Mrs. Bertschmann (1st reading)
- C. 9:50 – 10:00: School Committee Policy: *ED* Disposal of Surplus Property – Dr. Colombo and Mrs. Bertschmann (1st reading)

VII. Items by Consensus: 10:00

- A. The Superintendent recommends that the School Committee vote to approve the warrant(s).
- B. The Superintendent recommends that the School Committee votes to approve the transfer of budget(s) as indicated in the agenda materials.
- C. The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to accept a gift of a Bose portable sound dock valued at \$399.00 donated by staff member Jeremy Dodge for use at the Middle School as indicated in the agenda materials.
- D. The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to accept a gift of a musical instruments valued at \$1,945 from the Haroian family for use at the Middle School as indicated in the agenda materials

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

X. Next Meetings

Thursday, October 6, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
Thursday, October 20, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
Thursday, November 3, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
Thursday, November 17, 2011 @ 7:30 PM

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The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Guidelines for the Public

“All meetings of the School Committee, except Executive Sessions, shall be open to the Public”.

School Committee Operational Goals

The School Committee is responsible to the people for whose benefit the school system has been established. The Committee's current decisions will influence the course of education in our schools for years to come. The Committee and each of its members must look to the future and to the needs of all people more than the average citizen finds necessary. This requires a comprehensive perspective and long-range planning in addition to attention to immediate problems.

The School Committee's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures that will best produce the educational achievement needed by our students. The Committee is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of resources available to the school system. The Committee must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body to formulate and adopt policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and by evaluating the results.

Massachusetts General Laws govern much of the operations and procedures of the school committee. The policies and guidelines contained herein offer greater guidance for the Hopkinton School Committee. (*Policy BA*)

Availability of Meeting Materials

Copies of the agenda and any materials that are considered public information may be obtained through the Superintendent's office at a fair and reasonable cost per page. Citizens wishing to obtain an agenda prior to the scheduled meeting should do so before the close of business on the day of the meeting. (*Policy BE*)

For the public's convenience, agendas for regular meetings are generally posted on the school district's website before the date of the meeting. Key presentations are generally posted after the meeting and minutes are posted within a reasonable time frame after the school committee votes to approve them. The district website is www.hopkinton.k12.ma.us.

Public Comment

The School Committee welcomes citizens of the District to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and programs of our local public schools.

If citizens would like to comment to the School Committee, they may do so by mail, email or phone at any time. Contact information is available through the Superintendent's Office.

In order for all citizens to have a chance to be heard and to ensure the ability of the Committee to conduct the district's business in an orderly manner, the committee will follow the rules as established in its policy BEDH, titled "Public Participation At Committee Meetings."

The Committee will welcome comments from the public at regular meetings on both agenda and non-agenda items during a public comment period specifically set on the agenda. (*Policy BEDH*)