

**HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 20, 2011 REGULAR SESSION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The following are highlights of the December 20, 2011 School Committee meeting. They are not meant to be a replacement for the minutes. The minutes will be voted and posted within a few weeks of the December 20 meeting.

For further information on any topic, please watch a live stream of the meeting on HCAM.tv, or contact any member of the School Committee.

School Committee Recognitions:

- 1) Congratulations were extended to National Merit Semifinalist Max Vumbacca, and National Merit Commended students Jaclyn Foisy, Megan Fujiyoshi, Rebecca Govoni, Sarah Greizer, Ben Madany, Joseph McNulty, Abigail Perreault, Beverly Reynolds, and Olivia Turner.
- 2) The Assessment Pilot Committee was thanked for their work to identify the ATI/Galileo product as the recommended assessment tool. The Committee included Barbara Mullen, Deborah Davis, Elizabeth Mack, Deanna Law, Leslie Prior, Kathleen George, Catherine Anusauskas, Stephanie Snyder, Kelly-Anne Mazur, Carla Crisafulli, Tim Murphy, Maxine Roberts, Meredith Ekwall, Bob Berlo, Linda Henderson, Kathy Dooley, and Dr. Mary Colombo.
- 3) John Strickland (Bose Corp.) was recognized for donating 25 pairs of BOSE PC Speakers for Elmwood School.
- 4) Jan Gill was thanked for donating a half-size acoustic guitar for Elmwood School.
- 5) Teacher Beth St. George, was congratulated for being nominated as the Cubist Pharmaceuticals Teacher of the Week.
- 6) Teacher Christine Carr, was recognized for her participation in the TEC Teaching American History Grant.
- 7) The Music Department was commended on their successful winter concerts.
- 8) The School Committee presented Dr. Colombo with a plaque in honor of her retirement, and in appreciation of dedicated service to the district.

Highlights of Key Discussions/Actions Taken:

Reports to the School Committee

Student Council

Student Josh Perez updated the School Committee regarding: a lock-in drill; room temperatures in the High School; and social acceptance/bullying.

School Committee Chair

- 1) Ms. Bertschmann updated the School Committee regarding the community-wide Elementary School Building Survey. More than 1200 surveys were completed. The School Committee thanked Boston Research Group, Printworks, and the Hopkinton Independent for the generous discounts provided by each organization which allowed the School Committee to broadly distribute a quality survey to the entire community at a reasonable cost. Results and methodology will be presented to the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen in early January.

Superintendent

- 1) Dr. Landman provided an updated Budget Calendar to the School Committee. Additional changes were made to the schedule. Dr. Landman will update and re-circulate the Calendar.
- 2) Dr. Landman updated the School Committee regarding the upcoming changes to educator evaluations.
- 3) Dr. Landman updated the School Committee regarding the repairs to the High School roof and the Center School gym floor. The High School roof repairs have been successful, with one leak remaining to be identified and repaired. Repairs have been covered by insurance. The Center School gym floor continues to have moisture problems which may not be covered by insurance. Mr. Rogers continues to work to resolve the issue. The School Committee requested that updates be sent to Center School parents via listserv.
- 4) Dr. Landman updated the School Committee regarding the Highlights from the Hill programming available on HCAM.
- 5) Dr. Landman informed the School Committee that Dr. DeMello will begin her tenure as Assistant Superintendent on January 3, 2012.

Director of Technology

Mrs. Dooley updated the School Committee regarding the new website platform, which will debut in January.

Director of Finance

Mr. Dumas updated the School Committee regarding the Historic District Commission hearing and process.

Athletic Director

Mr. Karjel updated the School Committee regarding the success of the fall sports teams, All Star and All Scholastic athletes, as well as several coaches who were selected as Coach of the Year.

New Business

1) 1:1 Laptop Initiative

Mrs. Dooley, Ms. Geary, and Mr. Ghosh presented the School Committee with a draft of its 1:1 initiative parent survey. School Committee members made suggestions to the survey, which will be sent to all Middle School parents in early January.

2) High School Field Trip

The School Committee approved two Model UN field trips. Approval of a requested band field trip was postponed until January, when Mr. Yavarow could attend.

3) Center School Student Activity Account

At the request of Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Dumas, the School Committee voted to close the Student Activity Account at Center School, and to transfer the balance to the Center School Gift Account.

4) Superintendent's Recommended FY13 Budget

Dr. Landman presented his recommended FY 13 Budget to the School Committee, which includes fee increases and slightly elevated class sizes.

5) TEC Liaison Report and Annual Agreement

The School Committee voted to continue its membership in the TEC Collaborative.

6) Schedule for Updates on School Committee Goals

The School Committee agreed to provide an update to the public regarding progress toward its FY12 Goals at the February 2 and June 21 meetings.

7) MSBA'S P.O.V. on Future of HESBC

The MSBA indicated that the dissolution or continuation of the current HESBC was at the discretion of the SC and BOS. The School Committee voted to recommend to the BOS that they disband the HESBC. The School Committee expressed its gratitude to the members of the HESBC for their hard work, and looks forward to considering the re-

applications of some former HESBC members to the next Elementary School Building Committee.

Old Business

1) *Strategic Plan Update*

Ms. Robak and Mrs. Burdick updated the School Committee regarding the timeline, process, and plan for public review of the proposed revisions to the Strategic Plan.

2) *Draft Statements of Interest*

The School Committee reviewed the draft Statements of Interest and will send suggested edits to Dr. Landman. The drafts will be sent to the Board of Selectmen as well, so that both boards can vote on the final versions at the January 4, 2012 Joint Meeting.

3) *Late Bus*

The School Committee voted to re-instate the Late Bus two days a week, for Middle School and High School students who already have a bus pass. Ms. Geary and Mr. Keller will work out the schedule and details, and send information to parents.

4) *School Committee Policy: FE Designer Selection*

The third reading of this policy was postponed until comments from the attorney have been received and incorporated.

5) *Capital Improvements Update*

Ms. Robak updated the School Committee regarding the submission of placeholder capital articles to the Capital Improvements Committee.

6) *ADA Update*

In January, Mrs. Burdick will provide an update regarding the FY13 capital articles being proposed by the ADA Committee.

7) *Facilities Use Policy and Procedure Update*

Mrs. Burdick updated the School Committee regarding the Facilities Use Procedure progress. Mr. Mick will continue to lead the review of the fields usage, and Mrs. Burdick will lead the review of the internal facilities usage.

Public Comment

No public comments were made at this meeting.