



HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Committee Meeting ([agenda](#))

Buker Elementary School Multipurpose Room

In-Person Meeting, [Zoomlink](#) is for Public Comment Only

Meeting ID: 82099041443

Thursday, December 21, 2023

7:00 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

Present:

Dana Allara

Jennifer Carr

David Frenkel

Amy Kunberger

David Polito

Also Present:

Eric Tracy, HWRSD Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Leone

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Dana Allara called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:04 p.m.

With a quorum present, Shawn Farrell called the meeting of the Hamilton Select Board to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All those in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Jointly Appoint a Hamilton Resident to the SC with the Hamilton Select Board

- a. Trenton Honda [Exhibit](#)
- b. Natalie Hildreth [Exhibit](#)

Dana Allara stated that the Committee is holding a joint meeting with members of the Hamilton Select Board this evening to interview and appoint a Hamilton resident to serve as the interim School Committee member. Dana Allara reminded the community that the meeting is being recorded and live-streamed via HWCAM.

Dana Allara thanked candidates Trenton Honda and Natalie Hildreth for their interest in the interim position. Each candidate gave an introductory statement and answered questions from members of the Committee and Board.

Dana Allara explained the process for voting to appoint the interim member.

Shawn Farrell, Jen Carr, David Frenkel, David Polito and William Wilson voted for Trenton Honda. Amy Kunberger, Caroline Beaulieu and Dana Allara voted for Natalie Hildreth. (Trenton Honda 5 votes, Natalie Hildreth 3 votes).

I move to appoint Trenton Honda as interim School Committee member.

Motion by: Jen Carr

Seconded by: David Frenkel

MOTION PASSED 8-0 (School Committee Members Allara, Carr, Frenkel, Kunberger and Polito and Select Board Members Beaulieu, Farrell, Wilson)

Select Board Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m. Caroline Beaulieu moved to adjourn the meeting of the Select Board. William Wilson seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 3-0 (Members Beaulieu, Farrell and Wilson).

At 7:53 Dana Allara stated that without objection the Committee would take a brief recess. At 7:56 Dana Allara called the meeting back to order.

4. Citizens' Comments [Exhibit](#)

Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material.

There were no citizen comments.

5. Review of School Committee Protocols [Exhibit](#)

Amy Kunberger read School Committee Protocol 3.

6. Review of School Committee Mission Statement [Exhibit](#)

David Frenkel read the following from the Mission Statement: *The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee will lead and inspire a district that is a source of civic pride and municipal engagement to serve the community for generations to come.*

7. Consent Agenda

a. Warrants [Exhibit](#)

- Voucher No. 12
- Voucher No. 1074
- Voucher No. 1075
- Voucher No. 3337
- Voucher No. 3339
- Voucher No. 3340
- Voucher No. 3341

b. Minutes December 6, 2023 [Exhibit](#)

c. Field Trip HS Cheerleading Team Meet; Warwick, Rhode Island [Exhibit](#)

I move that the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee accept the consent agenda as written.

Motion by: Jen Carr

Seconded by: Amy Kunberger

MOTION PASSED 5-0 (Members Allara, Carr, Frenkel, Kunberger and Polito)

8. New Business

a. HS Program of Studies 24-25 [Exhibit](#)

Principal Bryan Menegoni reviewed the substantive changes to the high school program of studies for 2024-2025.

I move to accept the changes to the 2024-2025 High School Program of Study as presented.

Motion by: Jen Carr

Seconded by: David Polito

MOTION PASSED 5-0 (Members Allara, Carr, Frenkel, Kunberger and Polito)

b. FY 25 Budget Presentations

i. Technology [Exhibit](#)

Alan Taupier, Director of Information Technology, gave a presentation on the Information Technology Department's progress and future plans.

ii. Athletics [Exhibit](#)

Craig Genualdo, Athletic Director, gave a presentation on Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District's athletic programs.

iii. Facilities and Maintenance [Exhibit](#)

Thomas Geary, Director of Maintenance, Facilities and Operations, gave a presentation on Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District's facilities and maintenance.

c. NEC Annual Report 2022-2023 [Exhibit](#)

Superintendent Tracy stated that because Hamilton-Wenham is a member of Northeast Consortium, this annual report is being provided as an information item for the Committee.

9. Finance and Operations

a. FY25 Budget Update [Exhibit](#), [Exhibit](#)

Assistant Superintendent Leone provided an update on the initial FY25 budget recommendation.

I move to continue the meeting until 10:30 p.m. at which point we will pause again to consider staying longer.

Motion by: Jen Carr

Seconded by Amy Kunberger

MOTION PASSED 4-0-1 (Members Allara, Carr, Kunberger and Polito voted yes Member Frenkel abstained).

10. Committee Reports

- a. Capital/Financial Planning Subcommittee - no update
- b. Policy Subcommittee - next meeting is scheduled for January 8
- c. Negotiations Subcommittee - met last week with the Office Personnel Union and the next meeting is scheduled for early January
- d. Secretary Report - no update

11. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tracy thanked the Arts Department for their work on the concerts and art shows held over the last few weeks. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

12. Chair's Report

Dana Allara stated that the meetings on January 18, January 30 and February 8 all have 6:30 p.m. start times.

13. Topics for Future Meeting

There were no additional topics for future meetings.

14. Vote to Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee at 10:14 p.m.

Moved by: David Frenkel

Seconded by: Jen Carr

MOTION PASSED 5-0 (Members Allara, Carr, Frenkel, Kunberger and Polito)