

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAMPTON, CT 06247

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

7:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING

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1. **Call to order - Chairperson** Roses Bisson called the meeting order at 7:03 pm. Members present Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Russ Moffitt, Juan Arriola, Neal Moon, Matthew Flegert, and Ann Gruenberg at. Also, present Superintendent Frank Olah, Principal Sam Roberson and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
2. **Audience for Staff and Citizens -** None
3. **Written Communications to Board -** Superintendent Frank Olah read a letter of resignation from Kristen Conti and Michayla Florence. Linda Sanchini read a letter from HEA concerning extra professional development days and a second letter from HEA concerning a new position for technical assistant.
4. **Approval of 6/24/20 and 7/6/20 Minutes -** Juan Arriola moved to approve the June 24, 2020 minutes with the following amendment; Juan Arriola moved to request an apology from, or failing that a censure of, Mark Becker. Russ Moffitt seconded the motion. Mark Becker apologized for his conduct at the last Board of Education meeting. Juan Arriola withdrew his motion. Maryellen Donnelly seconded and the motion with the following vote:
Yes: Neal Moon, Matthew Flegert, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Mark Becker, Juan Arriola and Maryellen Donnelly.
Mark Becker move to approve the July 7, 2020 minutes. Maryellen Donnelly seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Gruenberg and Juan Arriola.
5. **Superintendent's Report -** The board reviewed the Superintendent's Report
6. **Principal's Report -** The board reviewed the Principal's Report.
7. **Business Coordinator's Report -** The board reviewed the Business Coordinator's Report. [\(See Attached Documents\)](#)
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Resignation of Ms. Kristen Conti -** Maryellen Donnelly moved to accept Ms. Kristen Conti resignation with appreciation for her work. Ann Gruenberg seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Gruenberg and Juan Arriola.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Final Approval of the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar -** Tabled till the next meeting.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Hiring of Ms. Judith Ports as 2.5 Days/Week or 0.5FTE as SLP -** Maryellen Donnelly moved to hire Ms. Judith Ports at the appropriate educational level top step. Ann Gruenberg seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Neal Moon, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert and Ann Gruenberg
No: Russ Moffitt, Neal Moon
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommended Line Item Transfers as Presented by the Business Coordinator -** Mark Becker moved to transfer \$38,878.66 from (100) Salaries and Wages to (500) Other Purchased Services, \$1810.60 from (400) Purchased Property Services to (200)

Employee Benefits, \$4531.29 from (600) Supplies to (200) Employee Benefits, \$1877.81 from (600) Supplies to (300) Purchased Professional/Technical Services, \$501.56 from (600) Supplies to (800) Other Objects, \$7963.96 from (600) Supplies to (500) Other Purchased Services. Ann Gruenberg seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Grunberg and Juan Arriola.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on the HES Connecticut LEA Re-Opening Temple Report due to the CSDE on 7/24/20 - Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve the HES Connecticut LEA Re-Opening Template Report. Ann Gruenberg seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Neal Moon, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, and Ann Grunberg

No: Russ Moffitt, and Juan Arriola

Abstain: Mark Becker,

13. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2020-2021 Budget - The board reviewed the budget and decided to table to the next meeting.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on the Removal of Two Classroom Walls as Detailed by the Enclosed HES Floor Plan - Juan Arriola moved for the removal of two classroom walls. Mark Becker seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Grunberg and Juan Arriola.

Juan Arriola moved for moving the electrical in two classrooms. Mark Becker seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Grunberg and Juan Arriola.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Mailing All Households in Hampton the Reopening Plan for HES - The board had a brief a discussion.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on a Policy Requiring Face Coverings be Worn by HES Students on the School Bus and in Their Classrooms with Exceptions as Determined by the School Nurse and/or the School Physician. - Ann Gruenberg moved to amend policy 5142 Student Safety to include Per exec order and CDC guidelines students in grades PreK-6 are required to wear face masks on buses and during school activities unless they have documented medical exemptions (doctor or nurse) during pandemic conditions of Covid 19. Maryellen Donnelly seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Grunberg, and Rose Bisson

No: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt and Juan Arriola

17. Discussion and Possible Action on the Mailing of the Finalized Reopening Plan for HES to all Households in Hampton - Covered in item 15.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on BOE Policy Requiring Face Coverings be Worn by Students and Staff on the School Bus and in Classrooms with Exceptions as Directed by the School Nurse Based on the Student's Physician's Written Directions - Covered in Item 16.

19. Committee and Representative Reports/Recommendations:

- a. Board Committees - Board Chairperson elected Susan Lovegreen, Matthew Flegert, Juan Arriola and Rose Bisson to

Communications - Matthew Flegert updated the board on the committee.

Finance & Operations - Mark Becker updated the board on the committee.

Policies - Ann Gruenberg updated the board on the committee.

- b. Liaison Reports

CABE - Ann Gruenberg updated the board on CABE.

EASTCONN - Maryellen Donnelly updated the board on EASTCONN.

20. Additions to the Agenda - Juan Arriola moved to add Special Meeting Date and Time as Agenda item 20a. Maryellen Donnelly seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Grunberg

and Juan Arriola.

20a. Special Meeting Date and Time - The board scheduled two special meeting for July 29, 2020 and August 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

21. Next Agenda Planning - None

22. Audience for Staff and Citizens - Cathy Donahue spoke to the board on multiple items. Chrissy Stone spoke to the board about additional professional development days. Maryellen Kania spoke to the board about acknowledging the air quality in the school. Sam Roberson thanked Mrs. Askew for all that she has done for Hampton Elementary School. Juan Arriola spoke to the board about new hires. Dana McDermott asked about Mrs. Askew's years of service.

23. Adjournment - **Matthew Flegert moved to adjourn at 9:43pm. Juan Arriola seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

Yes: Neal Moon, Russ Moffitt, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Matthew Flegert, Ann Grunberg and Juan Arriola.

Respectfully Submitted
Rachel Linkkila
7/23/20