



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
380 MAIN STREET
HAMPTON, CT 06247

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025
6:00 PM
HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01. Those in attendance were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Dennis Timberman (arrived approximately 6:20). Also in attendance were Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.

2. Audience Citizens and Public on Agenda Items Only

Kathy Donahue asked about PreK screening. Luther Gerlach spoke about the value of the school to the town.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: 2025/2026 Budget

A draft budget dated 5/21/25 of \$2,269,429 was presented that reflected the following reductions from the 3/26/25 Board of Education approved budget:

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| (\$25,000) | - 1.15% in special education transportation |
| (\$46,857) | - 2.15% open enrollment health insurance changes |
| (\$21,150) | - 0.97% SRBI MA 12 to MA 8 \$23,150 add \$2,000 for PD |
| (\$3,028) | - 0.14% unaffiliated COLA from 3% to 2.5% wage & benefit |
| (\$10,763) | - 0.49% SpEd Director 0.4 FTE to 0.3 FTE wage & benefit |
| Total (\$106,798) | - 4.90% |

The 5/21/25 proposed budget represents an increase of \$89,829, +4.12% from the current school year (2024-2025) budget.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve a budget of \$2,269,429 for the 2025-2026 school year. Elizabeth Lindorff seconded the motion.

Following discussion, voting in favor of the budget were Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Dennis Timberman. Voting no was Juan Arriola. The motion passed.

4. Audience for Citizens and Public

Jeremy Thornly asked if changes were made to paraprofessionals' work. Nick Brown asked about specific line items in the budget. Kathy Donahue commented on the interview process used in the past, spoke about the reserve fund and asked for an update on the 5-year plan. Christian Macias-Perez commented on the message a budget sends. Dennis Timberman praised the instrumental and chorus performances.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to adjourn. Stephanie Bora seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Donnelly