

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAMPTON, CT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 5, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by board chair John Burnham. Members present were Joan Fox, Carol Misak, Ann Gruenberg, Catherine Wade, Lisa Siegmund, Rose Bisson, Doug Stewart (arrived at 6:40 PM), and Maryellen Donnelly. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools Paul Graseck, Principal Marsha Willhoit, and Business Coordinator/Admin. Assistant Sally Lehoux.

**2. Audience for Staff: None**

**3. Audience for Citizens: None**

**4. Contract:**

**Rose Bisson moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion concerning the employment of a public employee at 6:05 PM and to invite Paul Graseck and Marsha Willhoit to attend. Lisa Siegmund seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**The Board returned to public session at 6:26 P.M.**

**Rose Bisson moved to waive the 1 year notice requirement for principal retirement under Section 7 of the principal contract. Payment of \$17,395.35 will be made no later than June 29, 2012 pending receipt of the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement. Maryellen Donnelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Board members and administration expressed their gratitude and thanks to Ms. Willhoit for her years of service to Hampton Elementary School.

**5. 2012/2013 Budget:**

The board discussed various programs and staffing levels that could be reconsidered to address the failed budget proposal. Among various line items for discussion were the principal, public school tuition (magnets), and the special education consultant. Mr. Stewart as also recommended reconsideration of retirement incentives. **Catherine Wade moved to approve a budget proposal with discussed budget cuts of \$6600 from principal, \$6000 from Special Education Consultant, and \$10,500 from public school tuition. Lisa Siegmund seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion failed with the following vote:**

**YES: A. Gruenberg, C. Wade, and L. Siegmund**

**NO: C. Fox, C. Misak, R. Bisson, J. Burnham, D. Stewart, and M. Donnelly**

**Doug Stewart moved to offer the retirement incentive plan with no minimum participation requirement and to include the 2012-13 insurance costs with a deadline of June 8, 2012. Joan Fox seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:**

**YES: J. Fox, A. Gruenberg, L. Siegmund, R. Bisson, J. Burnham, D. Stewart, and M. Donnelly**

**NO: C. Misak, and C. Wade**

**6. Audience for Citizens:**

Allan Cahill informed the board the Board of Selectmen have created two funds for the BOE. They are: \$7,000 for floor maintenance and \$15,000 for risk management expenses. Mr. Cahill also believes the town should be credited for the capitol expenses taxpayers assume for the school when calculating Minimum Budget Requirement thresholds and will address that issue with the appropriate state representatives.

Kathy Donahue opined that if there is flexibility in the budget it should be appropriately notated in any proposals and also asked if any contractual obligation towards Ms. Willhoit would be part of the current budget and was answered affirmatively.

The next meeting will be on June 11, 2012 at 6 PM to discuss the 2012-13 budget.

**Doug Stewart moved to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Lisa Siegmund seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jennifer Nelson**

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