

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

Hampton Elementary School Library

March 26, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
 - a. **Members Present:** Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. Also present, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal Victoria Smith, and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
 - b. **Not Present:** John Russell.
2. **Audience for Citizens and Staff**
 - a. Several audience members expressed their thoughts regarding staffing, students grade levels, social workers, and state mandates.
 - b. A couple audience members spoke about the budget and funds.
3. **Correspondence to the Board** – Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski discussed the correspondence that was received which was a resignation of a staff member.
4. **Discussion and Possible Action: Hampton Elementary School Bus Contract**
 - a. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to enter a 5-year contract with M&J Bus Company / Dennis Timberman seconded.
 - b. After Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski reviewed the contracts with the Board and the Board discussed, Those in favor: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. Abstain: Juan Arriola. *Motion passed.*
5. **Discussion and Possible Action: FY26 Budget**
 - a. After Board discussed, Mark Becker made a motion to approve the budget of \$2,376,227.00 for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 as presented / Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Those in favor: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff,

Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. Opposed: Juan Arriola. *Motion passed.*

6. Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings 2/26/2025

- i. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to approve / Elizabeth Lindorff seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Stephanie Bora, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*

7. Principal's Report

- a. Principal Victoria Smith gave her report which discussed school improvement, past events, upcoming events, library books.
 - i. It was brought to the Principal's attention several discrepancies that are on the website for example, the Principal is still listed as the "Interim" Principal, the previous principal's email is still listed, other staff members that are not listed on the website, people who are on the website that are no longer staff, etc.

8. Superintendent's Report

- a. Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed meeting with the town Historian, updates with the building, and updates with I.T.

9. Business Coordinator's Report

- a. Sally Lehoux gave her report with the Board.

10. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. **Finance & Operations** – Mark Becker gave the update to the Board.
 - i. **Discussion and Possible Action: Hampton Elementary School Sunroom Project:** Mark Becker made a motion to authorize \$17,000 to replace the sunroom windows / Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Those in favor: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. Abstained: Juan Arriola. *Motion passed.*
- b. **EASTCONN** – Maryellen Donnelly gave the update to the Board.

- c. **Ad Hoc Committee** – Dennis Timberman gave the update to the Board.

11. Additions to Agenda

- a. None.

12. Next Agenda Planning

- a. Board approval of information sheet from Ad Hoc Committee and approval of March 10th Budget meeting minutes.

13. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

- a. First Selectman Allan Cahill asked the Board a budgetary question.
- b. Cathy Donahue made a comment about money that is due to the school.

14. Adjournment

- a. Juan Arriola moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM / Mark Becker seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.* Adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Haddad.