

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT
Hampton Elementary School Library**

**April 23, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call To Order** - Vice Chair Mark Becker called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
 - a. **Members Present:** Vice Chair Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. Also present: Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal Victoria Smith, and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
 - b. **Not Present:** Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and John Russell.
2. **Audience For Citizens and Staff**
 - a. An audience member expressed thoughts regarding the wording of the 3/26/25 meeting minutes related to the preschool tuition charges in arrears.
3. **Correspondence To The Board**
 - a. None
4. **Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings for 3/10/25 at 6:20 pm, 3/10/25 at 6:30 pm, and 3/26/25**
 - a. David Halbach made a motion to approve. Juan Arriola seconded. Those in favor: Vice Chair Mark Becker, Dennis Timberman, Stephanie Bora, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*
5. **Principal's Report**
 - a. Principal Victoria Smith gave her report which discussed school improvement, past events, upcoming events, after school update, and the recent passing of the former school librarian Mrs. Lowney.
6. **Superintendent's Report**
 - a. Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed the town Historian, transition in healthcare provider for staff, and school climate.
7. **Business Coordinator's Report**
 - a. Sally Lehoux gave her report to the Board.
8. **Committee and Liaison Reports**
 - a. **Finance & Operations** - Mark Becker said no meeting was held, but a contract was signed for the sunroom.
 - b. **EASTCONN** - no report
 - c. **Ad Hoc Committee** - Dennis Timberman gave the update to the Board.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action: Preschool tuition charges in arrears**
 - a. Vice Chair Mark Becker tabled the discussion until the next Board meeting.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action: Final Day of 2024-2025 School Year**
 - a. Stephanie Bora made a motion to approve the school year ending for students on Friday, June 6, 2025. Dennis Timberman seconded. Those in favor: Vice Chair

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

11. Additions To The Agenda

Dennis Timberman moved to add an Ad Hoc Committee's Working Together handout motion to the agenda, to add a Paraprofessional Climate Committee discussion to the agenda and to add a Board Goals discussion to the agenda. Stephanie Bora seconded. Those in favor: Vice Chair Mark Becker, Dennis Timberman, Stephanie Bora, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*

- a. Stephanie Bora made a motion for the Board to approve the Working Together handout with the discussed amendments to be shared publicly. David Halbach seconded. Those in favor: Vice Chair Mark Becker, Dennis Timberman, Stephanie Bora, and David Halbach. Juan Arriola abstained.
- b. A Paraprofessional Climate Ad Hoc Committee discussion took place and Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski said he will look into details before an Ad Hoc committee is formed.
- c. Vice Chair Mark Becker provided information related to Board Goals and a discussion took place related to future development of the goals in the coming months.

12. Next Agenda Planning

- a. Board Goals
- b. Preschool tuition update
- c. Update on budget

13. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

- a. Audience members discussed upcoming preschool/kindergarten screening and staff appreciation week.

14. Adjournment

- a. Juan moved to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Mark seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Bora