

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT****Hampton Elementary School Library****November 20, 2024****Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
 - a. Members Present:** Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. Also present, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Interim Principal Vikki Smith, and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
 - b. Not Present:** John Russell.
- 2. Possible Executive Session: Interviews of candidates interested in the vacated Board of Education Seat**
 - a. Dennis Timberman made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:00 PM / Mark Becker seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*
 - b. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:26 PM.
- 3. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a new member to fill the vacated Board of Education Seat**
 - a. Dennis Timberman made a motion to accept the candidate Stephanie Bora to fill the empty Board of Education seat / Mark Becker seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, and Mark Becker. Those opposed: Juan Arriola and David Halbach. *Motion passed.*
- 4. Audience for Citizens and Staff**
 - a. Juan Arriola asked Chair Rose Bisson the status of the investigation that was approved to take place at the previous meeting.
- 5. Correspondence to the Board** – None received.

6. Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings May 9, 2024, June 26, 2024, July 3, 2024, and October 23, 2024

- a. Juan Arriola made a motion to approve the June 26th, 2024, July 3rd, 2024, and October 23rd, 2024 minutes as amended to strike from the July 3rd, 2024 meeting minutes that Juan Arriola left the meeting prior to adjournment / Mark Becker seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola.
Motion unanimously passed.
- b. Mark Becker made a motion to prove the May 9, 2024 meeting minutes as amended / David Halbach seconded.
 - i. Mark Becker then withdrew his motion to approve the minutes as the incorrect draft was given to the Board prior to the meeting and will be postponed until the correct draft is received.

7. Principal's Report

- a. Interim Principal Vikki Smith gave her report which discussed a data review from student tests results, school Social Worker, a recent gas leak, events, committees, and upcoming report cards.

8. Superintendent's Report

- a. Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed Enrollment, Staffing, Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, and a calendar update.

9. Business Coordinator's Report

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

10. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. **Finance & Operations** – Mark Becker gave the update to the Board.
- b. **EASTCONN** – Maryellen Donnelly gave the update to the Board.

11. Discussion and possible action: Board Training

- a. Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski discussed scheduling Board Training with the Board.

12. Discussion and possible action: Calendar Revisions

- a. Mark Becker made a motion to approve the change of the last school day in School Year 2024-2025 from June 10th, 2024 to June 6th, 2024 / David Halbach seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*
- Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to add to the agenda “Additions to Agenda” as the next item / Elizabeth Lindorff seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*

13. Additions to Agenda

- a. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to add to the agenda “Progress of Investigation” as the next agenda item / Elizabeth Lindorff seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.*

14. Progress of Investigation

- a. Chair Rose Bisson gave an update on the progress of the investigation to the Board.

15. Discussion and possible action: Non-certified staff representation during Administrative Meetings

- a. Juan Arriola discussed this topic with the Board and the Superintendent.

16. Next Agenda Planning

- a. Discussion on Board Goals.

17. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

- a. A couple of audience members addressed the Board with their thoughts and concerns.

18. Adjournment

- a. Juan Arriola moved to adjourn at 9:56 PM / Dennis Timberman seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed.* Adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Haddad.