



Hampton Board of Education
380 Main Street
Hampton, CT 06247

February 22, 2023
7:00 pm

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present: Rose Bisson, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Ann Gruenberg, Dave Halbach, and Matthew Flegert. Staff and Others: Superintendent Dr. Samantha Sarli, Principal Sam Roberson, Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux, Special Education Director Shelly McNulty, and others on Zoom.

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff

Board thanks Ann Gruenberg for her service on the Board of Education. Ann Gruenberg shares appreciation to the Board of Education

3. Correspondence to the Board

Juan Arriola unable to attend but shares concern about 23-24 budget

4. Approval of the Minutes from 1/25/2023

Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the 01/25/2023 minutes. Seconded by Diane Gagnon. Voting yes: Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert, Dave Halbach, Ann Gruenberg. Abstention: Mark Becker. Motion carried.

5. Superintendent's Report

1. Discussion of the 23-24 Draft Board of Education Budget

Dr. Sarli discussed the 23-24 draft budget; the initial draft of a 5% increase of the budget was dropped and changed to a 3-3.5% increase, to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

2. Discussion and Possible Action of the 23-24 School Year Calendar

The 23-24 School Year Calendar will be presented at the next meeting.

3. Data Presentation

Dr. Sarli presented the diagnostic results of the iReady growth data for Grades 1 - 6, highlighting the improvement in all areas.

6. Principal's Report

Sam Roberson reported on the addition of two new students, one in Pre-K and one in Kindergarten, that started mid-February. Another student for Pre-K is currently in the enrollment process. That totals 10 new students since fall. Ms. Roberson also informed the Board of the upcoming SBAC assessments schedule.

7. Business Coordinator's Report

Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux presented a Budget vs. Actual financial report. Despite the concern that the Medicaid numbers are at their highest, we will make it through the 22-23 budget. Ms. Lehoux also welcomes the Board to share suggestions for the usage of Grants.



8. Board Member Resignation

Ann Gruenberg resigned from the Board of Education effective 02/22/2023. Ms. Gruenberg states interest in staying involved and was invited by the Board to be a volunteer at the Minority Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee. The Board discussed publishing areas for the new Board member application ad. A special meeting for interviews was scheduled for March 15th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at HES Library.

9. Presentation and Discussion of Policy Numbers 4113.12 and 5144.4

First read of updated policies as per Policy Committee meeting from February 21, 2023. To be voted on at the next meeting.

10. Discussion of School Security. Executive Session

Diane Gagnon motioned, Mark Becker seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss School Security and to invite Superintendent Dr. Sarli and Principal Sam Roberson to join at 7:53 pm. Voting yes: Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Mark Becker, Matthew Flegert, Diane Gagnon, Ann Gruenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Ann Gruenberg left the meeting at 8:10 pm. The Board left the Executive Session at 8:18 pm.

11. Committee and Liaison reports

- 1. Communications** - did not meet
- 2. Finance and Operations** - Mark Becker reported on discussion of the new heat pump system from February 16, 2023 meeting
- 3. Policies** - met on February 21, 2023 to discuss Policy Numbers 4113.12 and 5144.4
- 4. Ad-Hoc Job Description Sub-Committee - Executive Assistant** - did not meet
- 5. Ad-Hoc Minority Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee** - did not meet
- 6. Ad-Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation Sub-Committee** - did not meet
- 7. CAFE** - no report to be discussed
- 8. EastConn** - meeting upcoming

12. Additions to the Agenda - none

13. Next Agenda Planning

Approval of 12/21/22 and 02/15/23 minutes.

14. Audience for Citizens and Staff

Dave Halbach expresses concern about possible IT issues with John Russell's school email address.

15. Adjournment

Diane Gagnon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Seconded by Dave Halbach. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Dave Halbach, and Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Anderson

This is a draft version of the Minutes until approved by the Board of Education.