

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

Hampton Elementary School Library

July 23, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Mark Becker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
 - a. **Members Present:** Vice Chair Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, and David Halbach. Also present, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski.
 - b. **Not Present:** Juan Arriola.
2. **Moment of Silence in recognition of former Board Chair Person Rose Bisson**
 - a. The Board had a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Chair Rose Bisson.
3. **Executive Session: Interviews of candidates interested in the vacated Board of Education seat**
 - a. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:36 PM / Elizabeth Lindorff seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*
 - b. Exited Executive Session at 7:50.
4. **Audience for Citizens and Staff**
 - Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to move item number fourteen on the agenda “Additions to Agenda” up as item number five and to add to the agenda “Appointing two members to fill the Boards vacancies” as agenda item “4. A” / John Halbach seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*
 - Dennis Timberman moved to make “Proposal to Form an Ad Hoc Committee” as agenda item “14” / Maryellen Donnelly seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen

Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*

a. Appointing Two Members to fill the Boards Vacancies

- i. Dennis Timberman made a motion to appoint Tim Studer and Luther Gerlach to fill the vacancies on the Board / Maryellen Donnelly seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, and Mark Becker. *Those opposed:* David Halbach. *Motion passed.*

5. Correspondence to the Board – Correspondence received from CABE and Scotland Elementary.

6. Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings 6/25/2025 and 7/16/2025

- i. Stephanie Bora made a motion to approve both minutes / Maryellen Donnelly seconded.
 - The Board then stated going forward the minutes are to state only the actions that were made and the “Audience for Citizens” item is only to state who made a comment.
 - This motion was then withdrawn, and the Board tabled the 06/25/2025 minutes until the next meeting.
- ii. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to approve the minutes for 7/16/2025 / Dennis Timberman seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*

7. Principal’s Report

- a. Principal Victoria Smith was not present for this meeting.

8. Superintendent’s Report

- a. Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed a staffing update, summer work, and upcoming events.

9. Business Coordinator’s Report

- a. Sally Lehoux was not present for this meeting.

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.
- c. **Ad Hoc Committee** – The Board briefly discussed and tabled further discussion.

11. Discussion: Board Goals

- a. The Board discussed the goals.

12. First Read: Policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

- a. The Board reviewed the policy.

13. Executive Session: Discussion of the Performance of a Public Official

- a. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to move this item down the agenda as agenda item “16. A” / Stephanie Bora seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*

14. Proposal to Form an Ad Hoc Committee

- a. Dennis Timberman made the proposal to the Board and the Board tabled making a decision.

15. Next Agenda Planning

- a. Goals, Ad Hoc Committee, and Policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

16. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

- No one commented.
- a. **Executive Session: Discussion of the Performance of a Public Official**
 - i. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:42 / Elizabeth Lindorff seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*
 - ii. Exited Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

17. Adjournment

- a. Stephanie Bora moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM / David Halbach seconded. *Those in favor:* Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. *Motion unanimously passed.*
Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Haddad.