

Hampton Board of Education
380 Main Street Hampton, CT 06247

August 24, 2022

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

[Zoom Recording 08 24 22 BoE Meeting](#)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Present: Rose Bisson, Mark Becker, Juan Arriola, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Ann Gruenberg, Matthew Flegert. Staff and Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Samanth Sarli, Principal Sam Roberson, Allan Cahill

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff: None

3. Correspondence to the Board: A letter from Indu Poonja discussing her positive experiences at HES..

5. Approval of the Minutes from 7/27/2022: The minutes were not sent to the entire Board. *Juan Arriola motioned to table the approval of the 7/27/2022 minutes. Seconded by Diane Gagnon.* Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Juan Arriola, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried.

6. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Samanth Sarli reported that she has completed her one to one meetings with the Board and other HES stakeholders. Samantha will establish a date for a Board retreat soon.

7. Principal's Report: Sam Roberson reported on enrollment figures and preparing the school for the upcoming year. After her report Principal Roberson heard comments from the Board.

9. Business Coordinator's Report: Sally Lehoux had distributed her written report ahead of the meeting. Based on recommendation in the report *Mark Becker motioned to make the following transfers in the 2021-2022 BoE Budget: \$26,000 from 100 (Salaries/Wages) to (600 Supplies); \$2,600 from 100 (Salaries/Wages) to (300 Purchased Profess. Services); \$10,000 from 200 (Employee Benefits) to 800 (Other Objects); \$10,000 from 500 (Other Purchased Services) to 800 (Other Objects).* *Seconded by Ann Gruenberg.* Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Ann Gruenberg, Matthew Flegert. Abstaining: Juan Arriola, Diane Gagnon, Motion carried.

8. Committee and Liaison reports:

Communications: Looking to get a newsletter out to the community sometime in late October/November. Will set a meeting date in the coming weeks.

Finance and Operations: Mark Becker reported that the parking lot is finished, the lines have been painted. Maryellen and David have been investigating mini-split AC/heating units to see if they would be economical.

Policies: Ann Gruenberg reported that the committee has been talking on the phone and that she will be stepping down as Policy Committee Chair due to health reasons.

Ad-Hoc Job description Sub-Committee - Executive Assistant: It is reported that description is still in draft form and the committee must meet one more time to wrap things up. Discussion followed the report.

Ad-Hoc Minority Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee: Rose reported that the committee will meet again once the start of the new school year settles down. Rose also shared another episode of “Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man”.

Ad-Hoc Superintendent’s Evaluation Sub-Committee: This committee will meet after Dr. Sarli has settled in to the new school year,

CABE: Ann Gruenberg reported that the annual symposium occurred and that it was well attended.

EastConn: Maryellen Donnelly reported that their board met last night. They will change the focus of their QMC Program to allow 11th and 12th grade students also. Staff shortages are being felt all over.

Non-BoE meeting of Hampton/Scotland discussions: Rose Bisson reported that the committee is meeting with the Boards of Education tomorrow night to set dates for public hearings and a non-binding referendum.

14. Additions to the Agenda: None

15. Next agenda planning: Approval of July 27, 2022 minutes

16. Audience for Citizens and Staff: Allan Cahill inquired about the EastConn board meeting and commented positively on his meeting with Dr. Sarli. Juan Arriola commented on the video shown during the meeting.

14. Adjournment: *Diane Gagnon motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Juan Arriola.*
Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Juan Arriola, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Flegert

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