

Hampton Board of Education
380 Main Street Hampton, CT 06247

September 28, 2022

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order: Chairman Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present: Rose Bisson, Mark Becker, Juan Arriola, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Ann Gruenberg, Matthew Flegert, Russ Moffitt, Dave Halbach. Staff and Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Samantha Sarli, Principal Sam Roberson, Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux, First Selectman Allan Cahill, Linda Sanchini, Dayna Arriola

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff: Dayna Arriola expressed a heartfelt thanks to the staff for all of their support during a difficult time.

3. Correspondence to the Board: A letter from Danielle McIver expressing her concerns if Hampton Elementary School was closed due to a possible Hampton/Scotland merger.

4. Approval of the Minutes from 7/27/2022 and 8/24/2022: Mark Becker motioned to approve the 7/27/2022 and 8/24/2022 minutes. Seconded by Dave Halbach. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Voting no: Juan Arriola. Motion carried.

5. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Samanth Sarli reported on Open House, which was held on September 13th. Over 40 families attended and there was a lot of excitement in the building. There was a lot of support for the PTO. Dr. Sarli also reported that about $\frac{2}{3}$ of HES students ride the bus, with $\frac{1}{3}$ being transported by parents/guardians. Dr. Sarli also talked about teacher evaluations.

6. Vote for adopting the flexibilities for implementing the guidelines for educator evaluation (flexibilities) for the 2022-23 School Year: Mark Becker motioned to adopt the the flexibilities for implementing the guidelines for educator evaluation (flexibilities) for the 2022-23 school year. Seconded by Matt Flegert. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Juan Arriola, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Principal's Report: Sam Roberson reported on the field trip teams A&B took to the town hall and library; they are looking to book a trip to the science center this winter. Sam reported that the first fire drill will be conducted later in the week and bus drills will happen towards the end of October or early November. Ms. Roberson also informed the Board that the playscape was finished and CIRMA will come to inspect. Also, the kitchen has had two inspections already and we did great.

8. Business Coordinator's Report: Sally Lehoux had distributed her written report ahead of the meeting and fielded questions by the Board.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Transfer of Funds: Mark Becker motioned to make the following transfers in the 2021-2022 BoE Budget: \$1,400 from 200 (Employee Benefits) to (300 Purchased Profess. Services). Seconded by Matt Flegert. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Voting no: Juan Arriola. Motion carried.

10. Discussion of School Safety - executive session anticipated: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss school safety and to invite Dr. Sam Sarli and Sam Roberson to join. Seconded by Dianne Gagnon. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Juan Arriola, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board left the Executive Session at 8:09pm.

11. Committee and Liaison reports:

Communications: Nothing to report

Finance and Operations: Mark Becker reported that the committee is still investigating mini-split AC/heating. It is possible that the existing HVAC system might be able to be tapped into.

Policies: Ann Gruenberg reported that she had met with Dr. Sarli to review the structure and resources. The committee will meet in the near future.

Ad-Hoc Job Description Sub-Committee - Executive Assistant: Committee needs to meet to finalize.

Ad-Hoc Minority Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee: Rose reported that the committee has met and discussed ways to get job postings out to a variety of communities to gather the most diverse applicant pool as possible.

Ad-Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation Sub-Committee: This committee will set up a meeting soon.

CABE: Ann Gruenberg reported that they are busy getting ready for the November convention

EastConn: Maryellen Donnelly reported that their board hired a new CFO. Their CEO will attend any board meeting to give a presentation on EastConn if requested. They are having a board retreat also, there is a lot going on.

Non-BoE meeting of Hampton/Scotland discussions: Rose Bisson reported that the committee is presenting to the community tomorrow night and the non-binding referendum is in November.

12. Additions to the Agenda: None

13. Next agenda planning: A presentation on SEL learning, discussion and vote on the Hampton/Scotland merge.

14. Audience for Citizens and Staff: Allen Cahill was pleased with the field trip, enjoyed interacting with the students. Would like to discuss the October 1 count in the future. Russ Moffitt announced that he would resign from the Board, he will submit a letter officially.

15. Adjournment: Mark Becker motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Diane Gagnon.
Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Juan Arriola, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Flegert

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