

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT**

**SPECIAL MEETING
April 6, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Board Chair John Burnham. Members present were Carol Misak, Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Doug Stewart, Dan Savino and Dr. Ann Gruenberg (7:07 P.M.) Also present was Superintendent/Principal Marsha Willhoit and Financial Assistant Sally Lehoux. Unable to attend were board members Dr. Catherine Wade and Lisa Siegmund.

Mr. Burnham stated this was a budget workshop and discussed protocol for budget discussion. Audience would be given the opportunity to provide comment and input before discussion of each section of the budget.

2. Audience for Teachers/Citizens: None

3. Business:

A. 2010/2011 Budget

i. Letter Requesting Discussion of Certified Staff Contract Concessions:

The letter has been redrafted and was reviewed by board counsel. The board discussed the content and interpretation of the request. **Doug Stewart moved to send the updated letter to the Hampton Education Association with a date of April 15, 2010 for a response. Dan Savino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

ii. & iii. Staffing Needs/Half-time SRBI Support Position

No public input received.

Ms. Willhoit and the board discussed staffing needs and staff utilization at Hampton Elementary School. **Rose Bisson moved to eliminate a .5 FTE certified staff position. Maryellen Donnelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Lehoux included information regarding the funding requirements of the school readiness grant.

Doug Stewart moved to reduce the certified staff by an additional .5 FTE with the reduction to be achieved from combining the Hampton preschool program with the school readiness preschool program. Rose Bisson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

It is the board's intent to preserve preschool program that offers a weekly session that is **not** five (5) days long.

iv. Other Budget Items

Mrs. Willhoit requested an additional week to review possible additional budget reductions.

v. Superintendent/Principal Compensation

Ms. Willhoit opted to keep the session open to the public. After a discussion of the superintendent/principal position, Ms. Willhoit suggested a continuation of the current agreement. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

4. Audience for Teachers/Citizens

Alan Cahill asked if a full-time guidance/counselor position is warranted. Ms. Willhoit responded a breakdown of time commitments was distributed at the last meeting.

Renee Cahill asked which non-academic programs (art, music) are required and if the current time commitment in the schedule is necessary. Mr. Burnham responded.

Dan Savino moved to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is April 15, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Recording Secretary

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