



HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAMPTON, CT 06247  
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024  
ZOOM  
7 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. Those in attendance were committee members Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, and David Halbach, and Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski.

2. Audience for Staff & Citizens

First Selectman Allan Cahill attended the meeting.

3. Review of October 23, 2024 Minutes

There were no recommendations for change.

4. Discussion on Classroom Heat Pump Project

No funds are scheduled to be allocated in 2025 to the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant Program for Public Schools by the Department of Administrative Services.

5. Discussion of Oil Tank Removal

First Selectman Allan Cahill ordered a tank that should arrive in 6-8 weeks. A deposit of half of the cost was paid from the school district's CNR account, approximately \$12,000. He looked at the site for the tank with Building Inspector John Berard and will follow up with getting a pad installed in order to place the new tank before removal of the old tank. Superintendent Skarzynski will let staff know that no automatic fill of the current tank is to be done.

6. 5-Year Plan Topics Including Library Sunroom Repair and Any Other Pressing Issues

Superintendent Skarzynski is seeking an electrician to install the connection to the water filling station that was installed in the cafeteria. A second water filling station for the hallway is on order. Architectural plans for the room to replace the sunroom have been received and an ad requesting bids for construction will be placed.

7. Discussion of 2024/2025 Budget

There are unanticipated special education costs. The local company that plows and sands on an as-needed basis is unable to add Hampton Elementary. A para educator resigned and the position is being filled by substitutes at this time.

8. Discussion of 2025/2026 Budget

Changes are anticipated in the following; increase in transportation, reduction of ECS, loss of Title 1 and REAP funds (there is a lower income threshold for title programs than for free and reduced lunch), and one FTE teacher increase for instruction in lower grades. Hampton department of public works employees contribute 15% for single individual health plan premiums. Oil is set at \$2.59/gallon.

9. Audience for Staff & Citizens

Danielle McIver attended and said that she will continue to attend.

10. Review Next Agenda Planning Including Date and Time

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 14 at 7 PM on Zoom.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 (First Selectman Cahill left at 7:36).

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly