

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT 06247

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011
7:00 PM

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Burnham called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Members Present: Carol Misak, Ann Gruenberg, Lisa Siegmund, Rose Bisson, John Burnham, Maryellen Donnelly, Dan Savino, Doug Stewart and Catherine Wade. Administrator present: Marsha Willhoit. Others present: Sally Lehoux, business coordinator/admin asst.

2. AUDIENCE FOR STAFF

Linda Sanchini informed the BOE about several recent grant awards received.

3. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS—none

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

John Burnham read a letter dated May 22, 2011 requesting that the Board approve the proposal to name the multipurpose room after Walter Stone (see agenda item 9d).

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA—none

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/25/11 and 6/2/11, 6/16/11

Doug Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/25/11. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion.

Change last sentence of 9h to read, “The company will be put in contact with the architectural firm to determine if the panel placement can be accomplished. Minutes with change approved, with Carol Misak abstaining.

Doug Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/2/11. Ann G. seconded. Motion carried with Dan Savino and Lisa Siegmund abstaining.

Doug Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/16/11. Rose Bisson seconded. Motion carried with Carol Misak and Lisa Siegmund abstaining.

7. SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT

a. Financial Report—Still on track for about \$23,000 surplus.

b. Before and After School Care Update—parents and staff have been notified that the program will not continue next year.

c. Update on Multipurpose Room Operable Wall—on order, due to be put in in August.
d. Roof—a little more complicated; state needed specific wording for plan. Town Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 with vote taken. Plan needs to go to the state immediately.

e. Lunch Program—Marsha distributed survey/graphs on food choices. She reviewed the results: more local produce to be used in lunches, more whole wheat bread, baked chicken nuggets, this information will be going out to parents.

Lunch Program Comparison—many smaller schools are also losing money—larger schools are going to a food “service” : Chartwells. Marsha will be talking to Ashford who have a program that is making money.

Changes: did away with plastic utensils—did away with Fluff—improved choices on milk.

Doug Stewart asked about shared services. HES does use federal food resources. Shared staff—Marsha not sure it’s feasible. The next logical step is to set up a committee to look into costs/finances.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. CABE—board of directors meeting was held, legislative wrap-up session is scheduled and Ann Gruenberg will attend.

b. Community and Staff Relations—has not met.

c. EASTCONN—held annual meeting, hope to be in new building by November.

d. Finance—recommendations of this committee were passed by the whole board at 6/16/11 meeting.

e. Physical Plant—very important to pass roof project with specific wording at Town Meeting scheduled for 6/23/11 7:00 PM at Town Hall

f. Policies—committee did not meet this month (see actions under 9a).

g. Green Energy—held meeting on 6/11/11. Maryellen mentioned a few exciting new energy programs.

h. Administrative Model—Rose Bisson showed the flyer that will be placed around town and sent home with children on 6/23/11. Flyer asked for public input via meetings with dates. Brief discussion about dates and timeline for this committee.

9. BUSINESS (action anticipated on all items):

a. Policies—2 policies recommended for final approval—Ann Gruenberg made a motion that policy 9132/9133 be given final approval (rescind previous policy): Committees and Advisory Committees. Rose Bisson seconded. Discussion ensued. Concerns about wording. Ann Gruenberg withdrew her motion.

Ann Gruenberg made a motion to give final approval to policy 9250 (and rescind previous version): Remuneration and Reimbursement. Dan Savino seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Teacher Resignation

John Burnham read the letter of resignation by Karen Basil. Rose Bisson made motion to accept the letter with regret. Dan seconded and the motion passed with Doug Stewart abstaining.

c. Recommendation for Reading Teacher

Marsha Willhoit recommended Sabrina Pasquarelli of Pomfret for the position of reading teacher. Rose Bisson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion concerning employment of a public employee. Doug Stewart seconded. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:15 PM.

Rose Bisson made a motion to hire Ms. Pasquarelli as the reading teacher at Step 10—Sixth Year. Catherine Wade seconded the motion which passed with one abstention: Maryellen Donnelly.

d. Consider and Act on Request to Name the Multipurpose Room

John Burnham gave the Board some background information. BOE has responsibility to respond to a request to name a part of the school after someone. Doug Stewart made a motion to recommend to BOS to name the Multipurpose Room at HES after the former first selectman, Walter A. Stone. Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Discussion around name—was Mr. Stone a senior? Vote was called and it passed unanimously.

e. Consider and act on support for American Association of School Administrators and National School Boards Association joint resolution calling for regulatory relief from provisions of Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

John Burnham explained the resolution. Ann Gruenberg explained about the sanctions and the timeline. Ann Gruenberg made a motion for Hampton BOE to express support for American Association of School Administrators and National School Boards Association joint resolution calling for regulatory relief from provisions of Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Maryellen Donnelly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Move item f. to after 10, 11 and 12.

10. BOE Communications—doing a better job at communication with the public.

11. Audience for Citizens—none

12. Next Agenda Planning—Updated version of policy that Ann Gruenberg withdrew her motion on

Superintendent Evaluation

Report from Administrative Model

13. Back to item F.

Doug Stewart made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion concerning employment of a public employee. Catherine seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:46 PM with Marsha Willhoit not present.

Invited Marsha Willhoit to join Executive Session at 9:19 PM.

The Board re-entered Public Session at 9:26 PM.

Rose Bisson made a motion that the BOE reappoint Marsha Willhoit Jendrewski as Superintendent of Schools from 7/1/11 – 6/30/12 at a salary of \$19,584. Catherine Wade seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the question was called. It passed with one opposed: Doug Stewart.

14. Adjournment

Doug Stewart made the motion to adjourn. Rose Bisson seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the Board was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Lisa Siegmund, Secretary