

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Board of Education  
Hampton, Connecticut 06247  
February 10, 2011  
Hampton Elementary School Library/Media Center  
**Special Meeting**

Board Members Present: Doug Stewart, Ann Gruenberg, Lisa Siegmund, Maryellen Donnelly, Dan Savino, John Burnham, Rose Bisson (electronically via Skype),  
Administrator Present: Marsha Willhoit, Unable to attend: Catherine Wade, Carol Misak.

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Burnham called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. There was one agenda item: 2010 – 2011 School Calendar.

2. Citizen Input: Several people addressed the Board to express concerns regarding a change in the HES calendar because of snow days. Most comments were in favor of using days from either February or April vacations instead of extending the school year. Suggestions were also offered such as a possible change in the number of professional development days, lengthening the school day, or reducing the number of school days to 180. Concerns were also voiced about the possibility of additional snow days to come.

3. Principal Willhoit reviewed the survey that was presented to parents and school staff members concerning the snow day make up situation.

After lengthy discussion, Doug Stewart made a motion to rescind President's Day, February 21, 2011 from the 2010 – 2011 calendar. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

After further brief discussion of April vacation, Doug Stewart made a motion to increase March 11, 2011 and April 8, 2011 to full student days from professional development days, to increase March 17 and 18, 2011 to full student days from parent/teacher conference days, to reduce the number of student days to 181 days, and to add 1 full teacher in-service day to the end of the year. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Lastly, Doug Stewart made a motion that if there are two or more snow days hence forth, those days will be made up during April vacation starting with Monday, April 18, 2011. Maryellen Donnelly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The last day of school is currently June 23, 2011.

4. Doug Stewart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan Savino. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Siegmund, Secretary