

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT 06247
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015
7:00 PM

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

Board chair John Burnham called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Members present were Maryellen Donnelly, Rose Bisson, Doug Stewart, Peter Smat, Wesley Wilcox, and Ann Gruenberg. Also present were School Superintendent Dr. Corinne Berglund and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.

1. **Audience for Staff and Citizens** – Kathy Donahue spoke to the board about retirement incentives.
2. **Written Communications To Board** –
 - a. **Freedom of Information- Notice of Withdrawal** – John Burnham informed the board that he has received notice of the withdrawal of the FOI Complaint and will be scheduling the workshop later on in the meeting.
 - b. **Hampton Education Association – Retirement Incentive** - John Burnham read a letter from the Hampton Education Association outlining its recommendation for a retirement incentive.
 - c. **Letter of Resignation** – John Burnham read Doug Stewart’s letter of resignation.
3. **Approval of Minutes 3-25-15** – *(Copy of minutes for 3-25-15 were distributed.)* **Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015. Rose Bisson seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:**

Yes: John Burnham, Maryellen Donnelly, Rose Bisson, Peter Smat, Ann Gruenberg and Wesley Wilcox.

Abstained: Doug Stewart
4. **Superintendent Reports/Recommendations**
 - a. **Financials** – It was reported that financials are on track and that the school has been notified that an additional student will be attending the STEM Academy next year.
 - b. **State Canceled Grant Funds for District Technology Upgrades** – The state has decided to cancel the grant funds for technology upgrades which means Hampton Elementary School will not be receiving \$10,000.00 in grant money.
 - c. **Board of Education 2015-16 Proposal Accepted by the Board of Finance** – Dr. Berglund informed the board that the Board of Finance has accepted the Board of Education’s 2015-16 budget.
 - d. **Hampton Budget Hearing April 28, 2015** – Meeting at 7 PM
 - e. **Tri-town Study Hearing April 21, 2015** – Meeting at 7 PM.
 - f. **2015-16 Health Insurance Update** – upcoming participant meeting and enrollment on May 12, 2015
 - g. **Other** – None at this time.
5. **Principal Report** – *(A copy of the Principal's Monthly Board of Education Update 4/22/15 was distributed)* Dr. Berglund passed out the report and informed the board that Principal Guari was enjoying her time at Nature’s Classroom this week.
6. **Develop Possible Questions for Tri-town Boards of Education Meeting** – John Burnham informed the board that the Tri-town Boards of Education Meeting had to be rescheduled. The board had a lengthy discussion of questions they would like answered at that meeting when it is rescheduled.
7. **Retirement Incentive Discussion and Possible Action** – Rose Bisson informed the board that the Finance Committee had no formal recommendations for a retirement incentive. No action was taken at this time.
8. **Schedule FOI Workshop** – The workshop is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at 5:00pm. The board has invited other boards to attend the workshop.
9. **Standing and AD HOC Committees and Liaison Reports/Recommendations**
 - a. **Communications** – The newsletter will be out very soon.
 - b. **Shared Services**
 - c. **Tri Town Study**
 - d. **Policy** – Ann Gruenberg informed the board that after budget season the committee will be presenting new policies to the board.
 - e. **Finance** – Maryellen Donnelly said all of the solar panels will be installed.

10. Next Agenda Planning

- a. School Readiness Grant
- b. Input from Parents and Citizens about the tri-town study

11. Audience for Staff/Citizens – Allan Cahill spoke to the board about the power outages in Hampton.

12. Leadership Team Evaluation – **Maryellen Donnelly moved to enter executive session for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, or evaluation of a public officer or employee at 8:25pm. Rose seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:**

Yes: John Burnham, Maryellen Donnelly, Rose Bisson, Peter Smat, Ann Gruenberg and Wesley Wilcox.

Abstained: Doug Stewart

Returned to public session at 8:45pm with no action taken.

13. Adjournment – **Doug Stewart moved to adjourn at 8:46pm. Wesley Wilcox seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:**

Yes: John Burnham, Maryellen Donnelly, Rose Bisson, Peter Smat, Ann Gruenberg and Wesley Wilcox.

Opposed: Doug Stewart

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rachel Linkkila
4/24/15

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