

**Hampton Board of Education**  
**Superintendent's Report**  
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**Resignation:**

As you all know, as does the staff, I have decided that my time in Hampton will end no later than July 29, 2022. My contract has a 90 day notification clause in it and that date fulfills that clause.

I have listed what I think are my most important accomplishments in these past six years. I could not have claimed those accomplishments without the support of my fellow administrators, all of the staff members at HES, and you, the members of the Hampton BoE. Thank you.

**Budget and the price of Oil:**

We have received our May delivery of heating oil on May 16 of 2,550 gals for an invoiced costs of \$ 12,245.00. What you may not realize is that we also pay for the diesel that powers our two buses. Our last invoice for diesel was 452 gallons at a cost of \$1784.50 Both oil and diesel will have end of the year refills which would be about the same gallonage amounts but higher price/gallon.

I have continued the budget freeze I put into place back in March. We have used some grant funds for field trips, our summer school will be funded through a grant (ESSER iii); however, we did have to purchase Xerox paper for the office and will need to purchase more paper for the end of year. We purchased 10 cases last month for the office and will purchase 10 cases for the faculty from the lowest pricing Ms. Bowen could find, W.B. Mason at \$48.23/case up from last year's price of about \$24.00/case.

At this point in May, the budget is being "challenged"; however, Sally and I believe that we will be not over spend the total allocated budget. We will have to move funds in July on various lines because of all of the changes in what we thought were the costs we would have this budgeting year. Forces beyond our control have taken over.

**Student performance / measurements:**

Our students in Teams B and C are all taking the SBAC yearly assessments the week of May 16 for three days. All of these assessments are part of the CSDE's assessment process for all students in all Connecticut schools. This will be the first comprehensive assessments since 2019 as Covid closed schools in 2020. The SBAC assessments are all completed on line and then results will be published by the CSDE most likely in August, 2022. Our results will be received before the statewide results are published. Your new superintendent will make the decision as to when to release the HES results.

**Grade 6 Step-Up to Parish Hill Middle School and HES end of year plans:**

As the preparations are being completed for the actual Step-Up Celebration scheduled for 6/09/22. Other activities are being planned. The PPT's that transition our grade 6 Special Education students into their grade seven programs are being held during the next few weeks. The grade 6 students are planning their Nature's Classroom activities. This will be the first time in two years that our sixth graders will have that experience even though it will be a shortened version from their experiences in the past. The funding for this experience was raised by our students and through fund raisers by the HES / PTO.

Parish Hill will be presenting their concert choir at HES. Our students will be seated on the floor in the gym and will remain in their pods. Parents may attend but must be masked for this concert since we have all of our 3 & 4 year olds who cannot be vaccinated.

The PTO has also been fundamental in raising the funds for the Teacher Appreciation Week activities, the purchase of T-shirts for our annual HES Field Day activities, as well as the decorations used by HES students who will march in the Hampton Memorial Day Parade. Students and their parents have also donated candy and funds for the decorations the students will carry during the parade. Both the parade and the field day activities are being held for the first time in two year. Joy Becker, the PTO President is to be thanked for all of her work these past many years and she will be very much missed as she and her daughter move on to the Parish Hill Middle School.

I have tried to forward to all of you the various plans for these last few weeks of school. The entire school will be take our whole school HES Field Trip to the Roger William's Zoo on May 19. Our Pre-K students will be going to Mystic for their end of the year activity. These activities are funded through both grants and the Contracted Enrichment line in our HES budget.

**Repaving of Parking Lot:**

The arrangements with Pinecroft Paving are now in place. Based on your approval of the ending of the school year on June 10, the paving is scheduled for the week of June 13. All of the professional development will be completed on June 13 and 14th. We have reviewed the parking arrangements with the two staff members who need accommodations for access. They can park along either driveway (entrance or exit) and have safe access via the sidewalks. Emergency vehicles will also be able to access the building if required according to Chris Chapman of Pinecroft Paving.

**Update on budget sent in an email on 5/17/22 to all faculty:**

“After almost three months of our budget freeze, I believe that we can lift it starting Monday, May 23. I have authorized Sam to place an order for 10 cases of xerox paper which I hope will hold out to the end of the year.

As for our oil delivery, I have postponed the last delivery for the year because the current price for schools (no taxes) was \$5.2420/gal or \$13,367.10 for our 2,550 gal delivery. At this time, I have cancelled that delivery until June 1, 2022 and will check the price at that point.

Based on the assumption that oil prices have to go down (?), I have chosen to lift the budget freeze so you can purchase your required supplies for the end of the year.

I also need to remind all of you that the diesel costs are very high and we pay for the diesel for all of our buses from EastConn.

We also need to replace the arsenic tank #2 chemicals at a cost in excess of \$12,000 which we have budgeted. The replacement of the PA system is being investigated with a conference call on Thursday in which our new phone system repair provider will give us an estimate to replace the nonfunctioning PA. The reason for this expense is that as part of our emergency security plan, we must have a way to announce a lock down school wide as well as contact individual classrooms if an emergency develops. The CT. State Police need to establish that level of emergency communications.

With all of these expenses, we do have a VERY limited amount to spend on academic supplies and equipment. Sally and I will work with Sam to make sure that we effectively address your needs. We did meet this morning for two hours to discuss the budget status. We will again meet on budget next Tuesday.

In addition, we still have library book dollars budgeted and so far those funds remain intact. Please let Mr. Gervase know what library materials you will need so he can place the order. This needs to be done ASAP. “

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