

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2026
7PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Roll Call: Kathy Donahue, Ed Adelman, Kate Donnelly, Joan Fox, Nick Brown, Regina DeCesare, Kathi Newcombe, First Selectman Allan Cahill, Recording Secretary Dayna McDermott-Arriola.

Regina DeCesare was seated, upon request, for Judy Buell.

Citizen Comments: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Regina DeCesare, seconded by Kate Donnelly, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2026. Motion carried unanimously, Nick Brown abstaining.

Motion: Nick Brown, seconded by Regina DeCesare, to table the Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Donahue suggested that the revised budget be attached to the July 23 Minutes.

Reports/Actions

First Selectman: First Selectman Cahill reported that the Selectmen will meet to set the date for a Town Meeting, tentatively August 27, and referendum for the Hampton Elementary School budget, tentatively September 3. The Town Attorney advised that the question on appropriating \$94,797 to the elementary school until the budget passes will need to be approved by the Town only if the budget fails.

Tax Collector: none.

Treasurer: none.

Boards of Education:

Regional District #11: Chairman Donahue reported that the board conducted their reorganization meeting, and that several executive sessions have convened to discuss the Superintendent's contract. A tentative agreement with the non-contracted staff has been reached. She announced that a presentation on transition students, those 18-21 years of age who are eligible to receive special education services, was taped and is available on the RD#11 website. She also reported receipt of the school's contribution to the annual report, which will be available via a link on the Town website.

Hampton Elementary School: Chairman Donahue reported that she spoke to the school principal and was told that certified staff positions have been filled, and interviews are taking place for the additional special education paraprofessional, a full time position to be filled by two part time employees. Chairman Donahue distributed to board members an updated year-end financial statement she requested from the Town Treasurer, which, upon review, showed that the Hampton Elementary School's FY2025-2026 budget is \$103,397.44 overspent. She reported this to the First Selectman and the Treasurer, instructing her to ask the school's business coordinator for additional information or journal entries. The Treasurer checked and reported that she has not received journal entries since January, but with both Treasurer Rodriguez and Superintendent Skarzynski, and possibly Business Coordinator Lehoux, on vacation, nothing has been forthcoming. Additionally, the finance board has not received the school's financials for the months of June and July. Chairman Donahue cautioned against having a referendum on the school's

FY2026-2027 budget until information is received for FY25-2026.

Policies and Procedures Committee: The committee did not meet.

Correspondence: Chairman Donahue reported receipt of the request letter from the Hampton Education Association for the appointment of a finance board member to be present at the upcoming negotiations, and bank statements for the Length of Service Award Program. Both of these were forwarded to members. She also sent an email to finance board members on June 30 notifying them of the elementary school deficit.

New Business

a. Discussion of HEA Negotiation Request Letter

Chairman Donahue appointed herself to be present for the negotiations.

b. Update on Length of Service Award Program

Reportedly, the \$25,000 approved in the FY2026-27 budget has been deposited into the account. Other questions posed by the Chairman concerning Connecticut law as it relates to the program have yet to be answered.

Citizen Comments: none.

Suggestions for Next Agenda: Members are encouraged to send their suggestions to the Chairman.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting: September 9, 2026 at 7PM.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Secretary

This is a draft version of the Minutes until approved by the Board of Finance.