HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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HAMPTON, CT 06247

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2026
6:30 PM
HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
   Chair Mark Becker called the meeting to order at 6:35
   Those in attendance were Board of Education members Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer. Also in attendance were Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal Victoria Smith, Director of Special Education Mary Jo Chretien and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff on Agenda Items
   Sally Lehoux commented on a first read policy on electric personal mobility devices.

3. Correspondent to the Board
   None

4. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting 9/23/2026
   Motion: Elizabeth Lindorff moved to approve the minutes September 23, 2026 as amended. Nick Brocket seconded the motion. Elizabeth and Nick withdrew the motion.
   Motion: Elizabeth Lindorff moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2026. Nick Brockett seconded the motion.
   Voting yes were Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, and Elizabeth Lindorff.
   Voting no was Juan Arriola.
   Abstaining was Tim Studer.
   The motion passed.

5. Board Presentation: Educational Terminology
   Superintendent Skarzyński presented "Board Member Glossary". See Addendum.

6. Principal's Report
   See Addendum, "Administrators' Report to Board of Education" for report by Principal Smith and Special Education Director Chretien.

7. Superintendent's Report
   See Addendum for Superintendent Skarzyński's reports:
   "Board Update, October 28, 2026", "Board Training Presentations", "EASTCONN FY 2027 ECS Funding Comparison", "Fair School Funding as a Municipal Priority" and a letter to Governor Lamont.

8. Business Coordinator's Report
   Business Coordinator Lehoux provided July through September 2026 of Budget vs Actual, and Profit and Loss of the Activity Fund, Cafeteria and Other Funds along with an update of the FY26 surplus of $3539 after invoices were received in September, projected diesel concerns for FY 27, grants submitted, completion of an audit of handling criminal history records, and Medicaid eligibility on September 1, 2026 of 42% of HES students.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports
   a. Finance and Operations
      Mark Becker reported that the committee is working on alternatives for the oil tank enclosure, HVAC improvements and a heat pump for the server room.
   b. EASTCONN
      Maryellen reported advocacy work and the new food program initiatives.
   c. Policy Committee
      See item 11 for policies presented by the policy committee for first read.
   d. Communications
      The communications committee did not meet.
   e. Superintendent Evaluation Ad Hoc
      See item 14 for work proposed by the committee.
   f. Curriculum Review
      The curriculum review committee did not meet.

10. Reading of Board of Education Laws 9000 and 9010
    Chair Becker presented the bylaw 9000, "Role of Board Members (Powers, Purposes, Duties)" and bylaw 9010, "Limits of Authority" for review and discussion.

11. Policy review. First read of policies;
    a. 5131.82: Managing Instructional Screen Time (no action required);
    b. 5142.3: Safety: Restriction of Electric Personal Mobility Devices, Recreational Equipment, and Skateboards (no action required);
    c. 6141.3273, 4118.53, 4218.53: Electronic Resources Generative AI (Artificial Intelligence) (no action required).
    The board reviewed policies to be voted on in November.

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Board of Education Meeting Timeline
    No discussion or action. Board members are asked to review.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Board of Education Goals 2026-2027 School Year
    Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve the Board of Eduction goals for 2026-2027.
    Elizabeth Lindorff seconded the motion.
    Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer.
    The motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Board of Education Superintendent Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation
    Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve the "Superintendent Evaluation Process" and Superintendent EvaluationTimeline" as recommended by the superintendent evaluation ad hoc committee.
    Elizabeth Lindorff seconded the motion.
    Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer.
    The motion passed unanimously.
    The ad hoc committee will no longer meet having approval of its written report by the Board of Education.

15. Additions to the Agenda
    None

16. Next Agenda Planning
    Policies

17. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff
    Principal Smith introduced the new grade 4 teacher Shawntel Spiteri.

18. Possible Executive Session: Discussion of the Performance of a Public Employee, Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A). The Superintendent is invited to attend.
    Motion: Juan Arriola moved to enter executive session for discussion of the performance of a public employee and invite Superintendent Skarzynski.
    Nick Brockett seconded the motion.
    Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer.
    The motion passed unanimously.
    Board of Education members Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer and Superintendent Skarzynski entered executive session at 8:25.
    Superintendent Skarzyński left the executive session at 8:52.
    Board of Education members Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer left executive session at 9:00.
19. Adjournment
    Motion: Tim Studer moved to adjourn. Elizabeth Lindorff seconded the motion.
    Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Tim Studer.
    The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Donnelly