

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by board chair John Burnham. Members present were Carol Misak, Ann Gruenberg, Catherine Wade, Lisa Siegmund, Rose Bisson (by skype connection), Doug Stewart, and Maryellen Donnelly. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools Paul Graseck, Principal Elise Guari, and Business Coordinator/Admin. Assistant Sally Lehoux. Unable to attend was board member Joan Fox.

2. Audience for Staff: None.

3. Audience for Citizens: Ms. McDermott asked about the bus contract and if the proposal was for 2 or 3 buses. She also informed the board that the Hampton Gazette had already gone to publication, and any changes to the budget would be noted in the next addition. Mr. Burnham told Ms. McDermott that all her questions regarding the bus contract would be addressed under item 6.

4. Additions to the Agenda: Maryellen Donnelly moved to add superintendent and principal report to the agenda as number 5 and to renumber the remaining agenda items to follow. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent/Principal Report:

A. Superintendent Report: Dr. Graseck reported the board received a letter from the conservation commission thanking the board for their letter of support. They have been awarded funds for the land purchase.

B. Principal Report: Ms. Guari reported to the board regarding the discovery of a number of empty shell casings that were found in the parking lot. There was no apparent damage to the building or grounds, so it is unclear how the casings ended up at the school. She has been in contact with the state police and together they have formulated an action plan as a response. The police have also opened an investigation in the hopes the shells can be identified. Some of the casings were found to be old. A report will be sent to parents tomorrow, on February 21st.

6. PPO Well and Pump and Proposed Response to Department of Health, Water Division:

Mr. Stewart reported to the board the outcome of the committee's review of the AquaPump report. First Selectman Allan Cahill and selectman Mike Chappel were also at this meeting. The committee and selectmen are working together to determine the most economical way to address the issue. The board will need to submit a plan of action by March 29, 2013.

7. PPO Recommendation Regarding Bus Contract:

Mrs. Bisson recused herself from any decision regarding the award of a transportation contract. Mrs. Fox rode all bus routes and reported the routes are long as is, and does not recommend reducing bus numbers at this time if the contract remains as is. The board discussed the current bus service and bids received. The board will reach out to Regional District 11 to discuss opportunities to share transportation requirements. The board has 60 days to issue a decision.

8. Wages and Benefits:

Mrs. Bisson discussed the impact of The Affordable Care Act on the current wage schedule. The committee also learned next year's insurance renewal will have an increase of 6.3%. A new schedule will be created and distributed to the board for review and approval at the next meeting.

9. 2013-2014 Budget:

Dr. Graseck distributed an updated budget proposal. This proposal represents a 3.42% increase over the current budget. After a brief discussion, the board will review the new document and discuss the proposal at length at the next regular meeting.

10. Audience for Citizens: None.

Ann Gruenberg moved to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Rose Bisson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Recording Clerk

Note: Per C.G.S. 10 – 218, Board of Education meeting minutes are provided in a draft format. With the exception of motions and votes recorded, these minutes are unofficial until they have been read and approved by a majority vote of the Board. Should edits be necessary, they will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting, noted in the meeting minutes, and voted upon.