



HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT 06247
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ADVOCACY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025
HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA ROOM/LIBRARY
10:00 AM

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 10:10. Present were Board of Education members Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly and Dennis Timberman. Also present was Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski.

Board members asked Dennis Timberman to chair the committee.

2. Public Comment

Danielle McIver commented.

3. New Business

The committee identified three issues that impact the district.

Of benefit would be legislation to:

- a. hold the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) at current grant amount
- b. reconfigure the method of determining excess cost sharing funding to take into consideration that 4.5 times the per pupil cost prevents most small school districts from receiving the funds
- c. provide seed money funding to EASTCONN to assist districts in developing low cost high impact programming. One example is developing expertise needed to provide services in one public school for students from several districts.

4. Action Items and Next Steps

Position proposals will be brought to the January Board of Education meeting on the above issues.

5. Other Business

The committee recognizes that press releases of any BOE action regarding positions on legislation is done by the chair or her designee (Policy 9020). Beyond positions voted on by the BOE, the committee will investigate how and to whom to provide information regarding what legislators are on committees, what bills are taken up by committees and the progress of bills.

6. The meeting adjourned at 11:56.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly