

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT**

**Hampton Elementary School Library**

**July 24, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
  - a. **Members Present:** Chair Rose Bisson, Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, Diane Gagnon, and Juan Arriola. Also present, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski and Principal Patrice Merendina.
  - b. **Not Present:** John Russell.
2. **Audience for Citizens and Staff**
  - a. *Juan Arriola* – read a letter he wrote regarding a former employee of the school.
  - b. Hampton Connections Newsletter was given to the Board members.
3. **Correspondence to the Board** – None received.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings on May 9, 2024, May 22, 2024, June 24, 2024, and Special Board Meeting July 3, 2024**
  - a. Maryellen made a motion to approve the May 22, 2024 minutes as amended / Elizabeth Lindorff seconded. Juan Arriola opposed, David Halbach abstained. *Motion passed.*
  - b. Maryellen made a motion to table the May 9, 2024, June 24, 2024, and July 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes until the next meeting / Mark Becker seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
5. **Principal’s Report** – Patrice Merendina gave her report which reviewed the Student Performance Data.
6. **Superintendent’s Report** – Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed staffing and school enrollment.

7. **Business Coordinator's Report** – Sally Lehoux gave her report which discussed the recent fingerprinting audit and the Medicaid process.
8. **Committee and Liaison Reports**
  - a. **Finance & Operations** – Mark Becker gave the update to the Board
  - b. **EASTCONN** – Maryellen gave the update to the Board.
9. **Discussion: Board and Superintendent Evaluation** – Andrew Skarzynski discussed and reviewed with the Board.
10. **Discussion and possible action: Establish Cooperative Agreement with Chaplin Elementary School in employing personnel under CGS 10-158a**
  - a. Andrew Skarzynski discussed this agreement with the Board and after discussion, Mark Becker made a motion to establish a cooperative agreement with Chaplin Elementary School in employing personnel under CGS 10-158a / Maryellen seconded. Juan Arriola opposed. *Motion passed.*
11. **Discussion and possible action: Determining interest in Board Retreat**
  - a. The Board discussed and picked a date.
12. **Discussion and possible action: Oil Tank Removal**
  - a. After discussion, Mark Becker made a motion to approve the removal of the Oil Tank / Maryellen seconded. Juan Arriola opposed. *Motion passed.*
13. **Additions to the agenda** – None.
14. **Next Agenda Planning** – Goals.
15. **Second Audience for Citizens**
  - a. No one commented.
16. **Adjournment**
  - a. Rose Bisson moved to adjournment at 8:21 PM. *Motion unanimously passed.*  
Adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Haddad