

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT****Hampton Elementary School Library****August 28, 2024****Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
 - a. **Members Present:** Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, Diane Gagnon, John Russell, and Juan Arriola. Also present, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal Patrice Merendina, and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
 - b. **Not Present:** Elizabeth Lindorff.
2. **Audience for Citizens and Staff**
 - a. *Juan Arriola* – read a letter he wrote regarding his opinions of the school.
 - b. *Dana McDermott* – asked for the names of the new staff at the school.
3. **Correspondence to the Board** – None received.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting July 24, 2024**
 - a. Maryellen made a motion to approve the minutes / Mark Becker seconded.
 - b. After discussion amongst the Board, Maryellen amended her motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections:
 - i. To remove Sally Lehoux from “Members Present” to “Also present” and she is the Business Coordinator, not a member of the Board
 - ii. Juan Arriola handed correspondence to the Board which was, per the Board Chair’s advice, collected unread.
 - iii. List how the members voted when a vote was called such as Items:
 - 4A: Those in favor - Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and Diane Gagnon. Juan Arriola opposed, and David Halbach abstained. *Motion passed.*
 - 4B: *The motion unanimously passed.*

- 10A: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Diane Gagnon. Juan Arriola opposed. *Motion passed.*
 - 12A: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Diane Gagnon. Juan Arriola opposed. *Motion passed.*
 - 16A: The motion unanimously passed.
- iv. Mark Becker then amended his second. Those in favor: Maryellen Donnelly, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, John Russell, and Juan Arriola. Rose Bisson opposed. *Motion passed.*
- 5. Principal's Report** – Patrice Merendina gave her report which discussed the updates to the school building, the updates to the core values, and an update on the students.
- 6. Superintendent's Report** – Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed the opening of the school, enrollment, staffing, data, and Hampton Board of Education survey results.
- 7. Business Coordinator's Report**
- a. After the Board reviewed and discussed the report given by Sally Lehoux,
 - i. Mark Becker made a motion to approve the moving that the budget surplus of up to 2% be transferred to the Board of Education Non-Lapsing Fund / Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Those in favor: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. Diane Gagnon and Juan Arriola opposed, and John Russell abstained. *Motion passed.*
 - ii. Mark Becker made a motion to approve the transfers of \$1,100 from Supplies to Salaries/Wages, \$1,000 from Supplies to Benefits, \$1,200 from Supplies to Other Purchased Services, \$3,500 from Supplies to Other Objects, and \$8,400 from Purchased Property Services to Purchased Professional Services / Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Those in favor: Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David

Halbach. Diane Gagnon and Juan Arriola opposed, and John Russell abstained. *Motion passed.*

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 Goals for 2024 – 2025 School Year

- a. The Board discussed their ideas.

10. Discussion and possible action: Determining Board retreat date

- a. The Board chose the date of the special meeting to be September 19th @ 7:00 PM.

11. Additions to the agenda

- Maryellen made a motion to add as Agenda Item “11. A” *Determining Signatories on the Non-Lapsing Account* and as Agenda Item “11. B” *Discussion of Previous Unapproved Minutes* / Mark Becker seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*

a. Determining Signatories on the Non-Lapsing Account

- i. The Board discussed this topic and decided to table deciding on who the signatories would be.

b. Discussion of Unapproved Minutes

- i. Unapproved Minutes of July 3rd, June 26th, and May 9th will be added to the next meetings agenda to get approved.

12. Next Agenda Planning

- a. Unapproved Minutes

13. Second Audience for Citizens

- a. Cathy Donahue, Dana McDermott, and Juan Arriola made statements.

14. Adjournment

- a. Juan Arriola moved to adjournment at 8:47 PM / Dennis Timberman seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.* Adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cassie Haddad.