

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT**

**REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Board Chair John Burnham. Members present were Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Doug Stewart, Catherine Wade, Dan Savino, Lisa Siegmund and Ann Gruenberg. Also present were Superintendent/Principal Marsha Willhoit and Financial Assistant Sally Lehoux. Unable to attend was board member Carol Misak.

- 2. Audience for Teachers:** None
- 3. Audience for Citizens:** None
- 4. Written Communications to the Board:**
 - The board received a letter addressed to all board chairs of Hampton, Chaplin, Scotland and Regional District 11 from the CEA regarding health insurance.
 - Mr. Burnham received a letter from Marien and Co – the town auditors – inviting board chairs, selectpeople, and board of finance chairs in the region to a workshop on October 26th to discuss financial issues that are looming at the state level.
- 5. Additions to the Agenda:**

Doug Stewart moved to add discussion of the 5-year plan of capital improvements to the agenda after 9.f. to be numbered 9.g. Dan Savino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 6. Approval of Minutes:**

Doug Stewart moved to approve the minutes of 9/16/10 as written. Dan Savino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Doug Stewart moved to approve the minutes of 9/28/10 as written. Dan Savino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 7. Superintendent/Principal Report/Recommendations:**
 - a. Financial Report:**

The financial statements are on track with the budget thus far. Building and grounds continue to be monitored since they are subjects of new contracts.
 - b. Website:**

Ms. Willhoit distributed a proposal from EASTCONN. They would develop a site for \$1095 and provide annual maintenance for \$100/year. The board discussed the proposal and would like to invite a representative of EASTCONN to present the proposal.
 - c. Other:**

Mediation will occur on the same night as parent/teacher conferences. Ms. Willhoit has information from Eastford about the principal/superintendent administrative model.
- 8. Committee and Representative Reports/Recommendations:**
 - a. CABE:**

CABE is preparing for the convention in November. The association is also developing feedback regarding the release of “Waiting for Superman” and information for the The Connecticut Forum’s program “Our Great Education Challenge” in November. Nick Caruso will be available in November. The board discussed possible dates and topics of conversation.
 - b. Community and Staff Relations:** None. This committee can look at what information should be on a website.
 - c. EASTCONN:** They are hoping to start construction soon.
 - d. Finance:** None.
 - e. Physical Plant and Operations:** The energy audit had favorable results. Small changes were suggested to augment the current good results.
 - f. Policies:** The committee met and proposals will be discussed under 9.f.
 - g. Hampton Green Energy Commission:** No report. The fair was well attended.

9. BUSINESS: (Action anticipated on All Items)

a. Appoint CABA Delegate:

Dan Savino moved to appoint Ann Gruenberg as delegate for the CABA convention. Lisa Siegmund seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Windham School Choice Request:

After a discussion of the request, Rose Bisson moved to direct the superintendent to respond to Windham's request indicating a willingness to accept students considering factors such as class size and transportation cost. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:

YES: A. Gruenberg, C. Wade, L. Siegmund, R. Bisson, J. Burnham, M. Donnelly, D. Savino

NO: D. Stewart

c. Response to CEA Uniserve Representatives Regarding Insurance:

Mr. Burnham distributed a letter from the CEA regarding health insurance. Discussion was deferred to executive session for negotiation strategy.

d. Educational Specifications for Roofing Project:

This document must be passed for the application process to continue. Rose Bisson moved to adopt the education specifications for the roof replacement as presented. Doug Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

e. Use of Grant Funds:

The school has received Title I funds in the amount of \$9,136 and Title II funds in the amount of \$3,767. There is also a balance of \$17,667 in funds from REAP & the Education Job Funds grant. After the board discussed the permissible use of the various funds, Maryellen Donnelly moved to authorize the superintendent to spend up to \$7,000 on computers. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Policies:

The committee introduced policies from the 9000 by-laws series:

9020 – Public Statements

9020.1 – Public Statements Advocacy

9030 – Commitment to Democratic Principals in Relation to Community, Staff, Students

9040 – Board Related Responsibilities

9140 – Board Representatives – Appointments to Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions

9210 – Qualifications of Members

9214 – Elections of Members; Number of Members and Elections

The board discussed the proposed policies. No action was taken. Policies will go back to the committee for further consideration. Mr. Burnham will follow up with the selectman's office regarding policy proposal 9214.

g. 5-Year Plan:

The Board discussed the capital plan of maintenance for the school facility and grounds. Mr. Burnham will also discuss community playscape needs with the First Selectman.

h. BOE Communications to the Public: None

i. Audience for Citizens/Teachers: Joanne Lowney supported consideration of pay raises for the paraprofessionals in the building as they make considerable contributions to the day-to-day operation of the school.

j. Next Agenda Planning:

- website presentation
- policies
- negotiations

k. Collective Bargaining Strategy/Negotiations Discussion:

Rose Bisson moved to enter into executive session at 8:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to invite the superintendent to remain. Dan Savino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:18 P.M.

I. Superintendent/Leadership Team Evaluation: The board did not enter executive session. The board brainstormed topics of discussion to include in the workshop with Nick Caruso.

Doug Stewart moved to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. Dan Savino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Recording Secretary

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