

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

Hampton Elementary School Library

February 26, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
 - a. **Members Present:** Chair Rose Bisson, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, Maryellen Donnelly, and Juan Arriola. Also present, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Interim Principal Vikki Smith, and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
 - b. **Not Present:** John Russell.
2. **Possible Executive Session: Hampton Elementary School Principal Position**
 - a. Juan Arriola made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:03, inviting Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski to join / Dennis Timberman seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
 - b. Exited Executive Session at 7:16.
3. **Discussion and possible action: Hampton Elementary School Principal Appointment**
 - a. Mark Becker made a motion to appoint Victoria Smith as the Principal of The Hampton Elementary School / Juan Arriola seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
4. **Audience for Citizens and Staff**
 - a. First Selectman Allan Cahill made a comment to the Board about the current audit for 2024.
5. **Correspondence to the Board** – Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski discussed the correspondence that was received which w the Freedom of Information Complaint and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities Complaint.
6. **Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings 1/22/2025**

- i. Maryellen Donnelly made a motion to approve / Dennis Timberman seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Stephanie Bora, Elizabeth Lindorff, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, and David Halbach. Opposed: Juan Arriola. *Motion passed.*

7. Principal's Report

- a. Principal Victoria Smith gave her report which discussed school improvement, mid-year assessments, Community & Climate Committee meeting, community enrichment, and upcoming events.

8. Superintendent's Report

- a. Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which discussed After School Program, "Leading Now" Superintendent Group, Title 9 rulings, and CAPSS.

9. Business Coordinator's Report

- a. Sally Lehoux gave her report with the Board.

10. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. **Finance & Operations** – Mark Becker gave the update to the Board.
- b. **EASTCONN** – Maryellen Donnelly gave the update to the Board.
- c. **Ad Hoc Committee** – Dennis Timberman gave the update to the Board.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: FY26 Budget

- a. Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski presented three different drafts of the Budget to the Board.
- b. The Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday March 10th, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Hampton Elementary School Library to further discuss the Budget.
- c. The Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday March 4th, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Hampton Elementary School Library to discuss the Freedom of Information Complaint and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities Complaint.

12. Additions to Agenda

- a. None.

13. Next Agenda Planning

- a. None listed at this time.

14. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

- a. Several audience members expressed their thoughts and concerns on the Budget Proposal.
- b. An audience member asked the Superintendent a question about the Budget Proposal.
- c. An audience member asked the Board about a potential Summer Program.

15. Adjournment

- a. Mark Becker moved to adjourn at 9:04 PM / Juan Arriola seconded. Those in favor: Chair Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, and Juan Arriola. *Motion unanimously passed. Adjourned at 9:04 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Haddad.