

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

Hampton Elementary School Library

December 18, 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, Maryellen Donnelly (Zoom), Elizabeth Lindorff (Zoom), Dennis Timberman, Mark Becker, David Halbach, Stephanie Bora and Juan Arriola. Also present, Interim Principal Vikki Smith and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.
 - b. Not Present: John Russell.
2. Audience for Citizens and Staff
 - a. Dayna Arriola spoke about several subjects
3. Correspondence to the Board – None received.
4. Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings May 9, 2024, November 20, 2024
 - A. **Juan Arriola moved to accept the minutes of May 9, 2024. Mark Becker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
 - b. **Mark Becker moved to accept the minutes of November 20, 2024. Stephanie Bora seconded. Mark Becker, Rose Bisson, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff and Dennis Timberman approved. Juan Arriola abstained. The motion carried.**
5. Principal's Report
 - a. Interim Principal Vikki Smith gave her report which discussed events the students participated in, events staff participated in and upcoming events.
6. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Mr. Skarzynski was absent from the meeting. He submitted a copy of his report as a part of the meeting documents.
7. Business Coordinator's Report
 - a. Sally Lehoux reviewed her report with the Board.
8. 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.
9. Discussion and Possible Action: Board meeting dates for the 2025-2026 year
 - a. Mark Becker moved to accept the dates with the addition of times. Dennis Timberman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Board committees and member assignments
 - A. Maryellen Donnelly, Dennis Timberman and Rose Bisson will serve on the policy committee. Stephanie Bora, Dennis Timberman and Elizabeth Lindorff will serve on the communications committee.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Finance and Operations meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year
 - A. Mark Becker moved to accept the dates of the Thursdays before the Board meetings. David Halbach seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Creation of an ad hoc board committee for advocacy.
 - a. Dennis Timberman moved to establish an ad hoc advocacy committee. Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Maryellen Donnelly, Stephanie Bora and Dennis Timberman will be on the committee.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Creation of board facebook page
 - A. The board took no action. The subject will be on the January agenda.

14. First read 2025-2026 calendar approval
 - A. The board looked at the draft calendar.

15. Additions to the agenda
 - A. There were no additions to the agenda

16. Next agenda planning
 - A. January's agenda should include the calendar, cell phone coverage and a budget discussion.

17. Second audience for citizens and staff
 - A. Audience members discussed cell phone coverage for the school.

18. Adjournment
 - A. Juan Arriola moved to adjourn. Mark Becker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully,

Rose Bisson