

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAMPTON, CT 06247  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016  
7:00 PM  
HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER**

Vice Chair John Burnham called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Members present were Rose Bisson (electronically by phone), Maryellen Donnelly, Ann Gruenberg, Mark Becker, Lisa Siegmund, Stacie Ropka, Wesley Wilcox at 7:05pm and Richard LeBlanc at 7:21pm. Also present were Superintendent of Schools Dr. Corinne Berglund, Principal Andrea Lavery and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.

1. **Audience for Staff and Citizens** – Selectman Alan Cahill reported on public works projects happening at the school. He brought to the board’s attention an article in the local newspaper about NFA offering free transportation to Brooklyn and other possible towns who are interested in sending their students to the school. Kathy Donahue also spoke about an article in a different local newspaper containing similar information.
2. **Written Communications to Board** - None
3. **Approval of Minutes 12-16-15 and 1-14-16** – Lisa Sigmund moved to approve December 16, 2015 minutes. Maryellen Donnelly seconded and it passed unanimously. Mark Becker moved to approve January 14, 2016 minutes. Maryellen Donnelly seconded and it passed with the following vote:  
**Yes: Maryellen Donnelly, Mark Becker, Rose Bisson, Stacie Ropka, and Wesley Wilcox**  
**Abstain: John Burnham, Ann Gruenberg, and Lisa Siegmund**
4. **Superintendent Report/Recommendations**
  - a. **Financials** – (*A copy of the financials was distributed*) Dr. Berglund reported that financials are in good standing and they are keeping a close watch on instructional materials.
  - b. **Other** – Nothing at this time
5. **Principal Report** – (*A copy of the Principal’s Report was distributed.*) Principal Lavery reviewed the report.
6. **Approve Teacher Appointment** – Ann Gruenberg moved to hire Kyra-Faye Garrison as the physical education teacher effective January 28, 2016 at a Bachelor’s 3<sup>rd</sup> step. Lisa Sigmund seconded and it passed unanimously.
7. **2016 -2017 Initial Budget Draft and Discussion** – (*A copy of the Draft Budget 2016-2017 was distributed*) Dr. Berglund reviewed the draft budget and answered questions.
8. **Superintendent Search** – Rose Bisson said at this time they have 8 candidates for the position and she plans to do an initial interview February 4, 2016. Dr. Berglund will then meet them for a tour of the school. Later the candidates will be interviewed by the committee and narrowed to three candidates for review by the board.
9. **Standing and AD HOC Committees or Liaison Reports/ Recommendations**
  - a. **Committee Assignments** – Rose Bisson is going to send out an updated list of committee membership.
  - b. **Reports** – Mark Becker informed the board that his committee has met and they are working on putting a letter together to send home to parents so that they can get their involvement in the committee. Ann Gruenberg reported the policies committee met and they hope to be presenting some policies to the board. Maryellen Donnelly reported on the EASTCONN board meeting and relayed information on the purchase of curtains for the library’s sunroom.
10. **Four Board Discussion** – The board discussed new information they had from their Four Board committees.
11. **Additions to the Agenda** - None
12. **Next Agenda Planning**
  - a. Cost of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade educated at Hampton Elementary School
  - b. Superintendent Search
  - c. Policies
  - d. Four Board Discussion
13. **Audience for Staff/Citizens** – Kathy Donahue asked questions concerning an FOI that was filed on behalf of the Hampton Gazette. Rose Bisson spoke to this.
14. **Adjournment** – Ann Gruenberg moved to adjourn at 8:53pm. Rose Bisson seconded and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Rachel Linkkila  
1-28-16

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