

Town of Hampton
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2010
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Audience for Teachers/Citizens:

Ann Folan reported that there will be a performance of Tom Sawyer on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm.

3. Written Communication to the Board: Letter to the Board by noncertified staff about salary.

4. Additions to the Agenda:

Rose Bisson moved to add discussion with the first selectman regarding solar energy grant as item 9e. Seconded by Catherine Wade. The motion passed unanimously.

Rose Bisson moved to add discussion of the letter from the noncertified staff of Hampton Elementary School as item 9f. Seconded by Catherine Wade. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Rose Bisson motioned to approve the minutes from 4/15/2010 as presented. Dan Savino seconded the motion.

YES: Dan Savino, Maryellen Donnelly, John Burnham, Rose Bisson, Lisa Siegmound, Ann Gruenberg, Carol Misak.

ABSTAIN: Catherine Wade.

Ann Gruenberg stated that "Dr." does not need to appear with her name in minutes.

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6. Superintendent/Principal Report/Recommendations:

A. Financial Report

There is a potential surplus of \$40,000 in the 2009-10 budget.

B. Homework Survey

Mrs. Willhoit presented the results of the homework survey that she sent home to parents in all grades.

C. Other

6. Committee and Representative Reports/Recommendations:

A. CABE

Decision was made for no dues increase. Lengthy discussion about the budget and it is still in draft form. 0% increase.

B. Committee and Staff Relations:

Did not meet since last meeting.

C. Eastconn:

EASTCONN is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

D. Finance Committee

The committee looked over the budget. A citizen asked a question that will be answered at tonight's meeting

E. Physical Plant Operations:

Did not meet.

F. Policies

Policies will be discussed later in this meeting. Next, the committee will discuss bylaws.

9. Business

- A. **Ann Gruenberg moved that the Board give final approval to policies 1212 – School Volunteers, 5131.62 Steroid Use, and 3160 Spending Funds in Excess of Budgeted Line Item Amounts and that the previous versions of the same policies be rescinded. Lisa Siegmound seconded.**

The motion passed unanimously.

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- B. Budget 2010/2011.
The Board may need to revisit this item later.
- C. Collaborating with Other Towns
The Board discussed how to move forward with collaboration with other boards.
- D. Request for Approval of Grant Applications
Maryellen Donnelly moved to support the Hampton/Scotland School Readiness Grant application for fiscal year 2010/2011. Lisa Siegmound seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
Maryellen Donnelly moved to authorize John Burnham to sign the memorandum of understanding for the State of Connecticut Race to the Top phase II grant application. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion.
YES: Carol Misak, Ann Gruenberg, Lisa Siegmound, Rose Bisson, John Burnham, Maryellen Donnelly, Dan Savino
ASTAINED: Catherine Wade
- E. Solar Grant
First Selectman Kate Donnelly reported that the grant has been fully funded. She recommended that the solar panels be put up now. They can be removed and then replaced when the new roof is put on the building.
- F. Letter From Noncertified Staff
Chairman Burnham apologized to noncertified personnel and asked the superintendent to ensure that the Board meets with noncertified personnel staff members when developing the budget.
- 10. BOE Communication to the Public**
The Board suggested the following items for the article in the Gazette: solar project, homework survey, year end expenditures, conversations of collaboration, end of the year, appreciation of non certified staff.
- 11. Audience for Citizens**

Kate Donnelly suggested that the Board set up a committee based of peers, community, teachers to improve the school lunch program.

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12. Next Agenda Meeting

Items for the June 17th. Meeting include: discuss school lunch program, non certified staff members, budget and policies.

The Board discussed having a special meeting on Thursday the 27th to discuss budget and superintendent evaluation.

14. Adjournment.

Lisa Siegmound motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion.

The decision was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa. D Savino