

Hampton Board of Education
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
7:00 pm
BoE Zoom Meeting

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- 1. Call to order** - Chairperson Rose Bisson called the meeting order at 7:03 pm. Members present: Mark Becker, Susan Lovegreen, Maryellen Donnelly, Russ Moffitt, Juan Arriola, Neal Moon, Matthew Flegert and Ann Gruenberg. Also, present Superintendent Frank Olah, Principal Sam Roberson, Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux, Special Education Director Judy Benson-Clarke.
- 2. Audience for Staff and Citizens:** None
- 3. Introduction of Diane Holmes, SLP Candidate:** Diane Holmes introduced herself and spoke of her educational background and gave reasons why she decided to apply to the position here in Hampton. Diane answered questions from the Board.
- 4. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of Diane Holmes to the 0.5 FTE position of SLP at a MA-12 level as of July 1, 2021:** *Mark Becker motioned to appoint Diane Holmes to the 0.5 FTE position of SLP at a MA-12 level as of July 1, 2021. Seconded by Susan Lovegreen. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 5. Correspondence to the Board - Letters of resignation from Theresa Yaworski, COTA/L effective 6/17/2021 and Edie Jones, PT effective 6/30/2021:** Frank Olah read letters of resignation from Theresa Yaworski, Edith Jones, and paraprofessional Amanda Sorel(effective 6/5/2021). Rose Bisson read a letter from parent Joy Becker listing concerns of keeping the last day of school June 21.
- 6. Approval of the 4/28/2021 minutes:** *Mark Becker motioned to accept the April 28, 2021 minutes. Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 7. Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Frank Olah mentioned that half of his report has been made irrelevant due to the ongoing budget discussions. Frank spoke of the new LED lighting and notes that the solar panels will be inspected next week.
- 8. Principal's Report:** Principal Sam Roberson discussed that she has been focused on the preschool program and that they are exploring environmental activities at Goodwin State Forest. Dates for those activities would be June 17th and 18th. Sam reports that the students of HES are staying very active on both indoor and outdoor projects and continue to stay engaged and upbeat.

9. Director of Special Education Report: Special Education Director Judy Benson-Clarke reported that transition meetings had occurred and summer programming is being explored.

10. Discussion and possible action on the MOA between the Hampton Board of Education and the Hampton Education Association (See packet): *Maryellen Donnelly motioned to accept the MOA between the Hampton Board of Education and the Hampton Education Association dated March 30, 2021. Seconded by Ann Gruenberg . Motion carried unanimously.*

11. Review of the 2% pay calculations for paraprofessionals for 2021-2022 (Bisson): Rates were discussed, no further action was needed.

12. Discussion and possible action on the development of a Minority Recruitment Subcommittee of the Hampton BoE: It was noted that this topic is on many districts agendas. It is decided that a subcommittee will be formed; Rose appoints herself, Juan Arriola, and Ann Gruenberg to the subcommittee. It is open to others if interested.

13. Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2021-2022 superintendent's contract (See packet): *Maryellen Donnelly motioned to move item 13. Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2021-2022 superintendent's contract to item 17 on the agenda. Seconded by Mark Becker. Motion carried with a vote of eight yes and one abstention.*

14. Committee and Liaison Representatives' Reports/Recommendations from Board Committees :

- **Communications:** Nothing to report.
- **Hampton/Scotland Joint Committee:** There is nothing going on until budgets pass.
- **Finance & Operations:** Mark Becker reports that he is working with Allan Cahill on getting the front parking lot paved. F&O are also looking into local grassroots donations for new playground equipment. Mark mentioned that we are holding off on budget revisions at this time until more information is available from the state.
- **Policies:** Ann Gruenberg reports that the committee will meet once school is out to review policies.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Superintendent's Evaluation:** Nothing to report.
- **CABE:** Ann Gruenberg reported that CABE has many professional development opportunities.
- **EASTCONN:** Maryellen Donnelly reported that they met in May but will also meet in June to finalize the budget. They will also be looking into changing the bylaws. Maryellen will be emailing us links to descriptions of EastConn services.

15. Additions to the Agenda: *Mark Becker motioned to add the following additions to the agenda: 15a The resignations of Theresa Yaworski, Edith Jones, and Amanda Sorel and 15b the discussion and possible action on the last day of school. Seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Motion carried unanimously.*

15a. The resignations of Theresa Yaworski, Edith Jones, and Amanda Sorel: *Juan Arriola motioned to accept the resignations of Theresa Yaworski, COTA/L effective 6/17/2021, Edith*

Jones, PT effective 6/30/2021 and paraprofessional Amanda Sorel effective 6/5/2021, with regret. Seconded by Susan Lovegreen . Motion carried unanimously.

15b. The discussion and possible action on the last day of school: *It was discussed that the amount of school days we hold is information that needs to be reported each year for grants, and it is better to have school open. Frank Olah spoke of the abilities of the HVAC system and recommended not changing the last day of school. No action was taken and the last day of school remains June 21st.*

16. Audience for Citizens and Staff: None

17. Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2021-2022 superintendent's contract (See packet): *Mark Becker motioned to accept the proposed 2021-2022 superintendent's contract. Russ Moffitt seconded. During discussion it was revealed that the contract was not included in the Board packets. Mark Becker withdrew his motion and Russ Moffitt withdrew his second. No further action was taken and we will review the contract for the June meeting.*

18. Adjournment: *Mark Becker motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Russ Moffitt. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted
Matthew Flegert 5/29/2021