

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT 06247
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2021
6 PM ZOOM MEETING

1. Call to Order
Chair Becker called the meeting to order at 6:02. Those in attendance were Finance and Operations Committee members Mark Becker, Rose Bisson, Maryellen Donnelly and Neal Moon. Also in attendance were Superintendent Frank Olah and Principal Sam Roberson.
2. Audience for Staff and Citizens
Hampton Board of Finance Chair Kathy Donahue spoke about putting on hold the cut to the 2021-2022 budget that was passed by the Board of Finance until there is clarification from the state about the HES Minimum Budget Requirement and funds.
3. Review of April 22, 2021 Minutes
There were no recommendations for change.
4. 5 Year Plan Topics Including Parking Lot, Playground, and Any Other Pressing Issues
There has been no decision about paving the parking lot. There is no change about the playground but Mark suggested that donations be solicited. Recessed fixtures and LED bulbs have been installed and a great improvement in lighting is noticed. Most of the rubber gaskets on toilets have been replaced and gaskets on five additional toilets without shut off valves will be done after the school year ends when the water system can be shut down. Mini-splits will be installed over the summer using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER II and ESSER III). Fire protection, alarm and suppression, was installed over the kitchen ovens. ESSER II funds will be used to upgrade file servers and purchase new Chrome books needed for software used during remote learning.
5. Discussion Plan for 2022/2023 Para Rates
The committee will discuss at a later time. Rose noted that the 2021/2022 para scale done by Sally Lehoux based on the 2% raise passed by the board was very well done.
6. Discussion of 2020/2021 Budget-Current Status/Issues
There were some unanticipated expenses for the current school year including oil used due to the HVAC system running 24/7 as a Covid-19 mitigation strategy. The total budget will not be overspent.
7. Discussion of 2021/2022 Budget
No changes to the Board of Education budget passed by the Board of Education in March were discussed.
8. Audience for Staff & Citizens
Kathy Donahue stated that the date of the budget referendum will likely be after the General Assembly ends the legislative session.
9. Review Next Agenda Planning Including Date and Time
A next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17 at 7 PM.
10. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 6:36.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Donnelly