

Hampton Board of Education
380 Main Street Hampton, CT 06247
October 27, 2022
7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes
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- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present: Rose Bisson, Mark Becker, Juan Arriola, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Ann Gruenberg, Matthew Flegert, Russ Moffitt, Dave Halbach. Staff and Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Samantha Sarli, Principal Sam Roberson, Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux, and several people in the audience both in person and on Zoom.
- 2. Audience for Citizens and Staff:** Ed Adleman, Sue Lovegreen, and Linda Faske all spoke in favor of not joining into the cooperative agreement with Scotland.
- 3. Correspondence to the Board:** Chair Rose Bisson read letters from Danielle McIver and Kathleen Carpenter. Both letters expressed concerns if Hampton Elementary School was closed due to a possible Hampton/Scotland merger.
- 4. Discussion and Action on the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Inter District Educational Cost Savings:** After brief discussion and comments by Board members, Mark Becker motioned to not enter into an inter district educational cost savings agreement with Scotland. Seconded by Diane Gagnon. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert, Juan Arriola, and Rose Bisson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Approval of the Minutes from 9/28/2022 & 10/6/2022:** Diane Gagnon motioned to approve the 9/28/2022 and 10/6/2022 minutes. Seconded by Dave Halbach. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Voting no: Juan Arriola. Motion carried.
- 6. Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Samantha Sarli reported on the Board Retreat. She also talked about SEL learning and how it is a whole school approach. Dr. Sarli also spoke about the PA system and the collaborations between administrators of Scotland and Chaplin to align curriculum to better prepare our students for their transition to Parish Hill.
- 7. Principal's Report:** Sam Roberson reported on the increased family engagement that is occurring at HES, we are trying to get parents back into the school after the long absence with Covid. The younger students took a trip to the pumpkin patch and the school will have a Halloween parade for the students. HES is working on getting students to take ownership of their learning, getting them to ask "What can I learn today."
- 8. Business Coordinator's Report:** Sally Lehoux had distributed her written report ahead of the meeting and fielded questions by the Board.
- 9. Committee and Liaison reports:**

Communications: Have been trying to lock down a date for a meeting.

Finance and Operations: Mark Becker reported that the committee is still investigating mini-split AC/heating and there will be a presentation on November 10th with one or two companies, the committee will make recommendations after that. Mark also reported that the playground is completed.

Policies: Ann Gruenberg reported that they have been trying to get a meeting date and that she has been gathering information for the meeting.

Ad-Hoc Job description Sub-Committee - Executive Assistant: Committee met today but one section still needs work.

Ad-Hoc Minority Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee: Did not meet.

Ad-Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation Sub-Committee: Rose Bisson reported that the Superintendent's evaluation is closely tied to the Board evaluation. We are off to a good start with the Board retreats, the next one will focus on evaluation.

CABE: Ann Gruenberg reported that they are busy getting ready for the November convention and are looking for a delegate. The CABE CEO will be going on the radio for an interview soon.

EastConn: Maryellen Donnelly reported that their board is meeting via Zoom every two weeks looking at finances. The last two in-person meetings have been canceled due to Covid.

10. Additions to the Agenda: Mark Becker motioned to add "Discussion of Board process to find a Board Member to replace a vacancy" to the agenda. Seconded by MaryEllen Donnelly.

Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

10A. Discussion of Board Process to Find a Board Member to Replace a Vacancy: The Board will advertise on the town website, school website, and possibly in The Gazette that we are in need of a non-Democrat Board Member. We need to fill this vacancy by December 1st. The Board will hold a special meeting on November 21 at 6pm to interview any candidates.

11. Next agenda planning: Job descriptions, 2023 meeting dates, Executive Session.

12. Audience for Citizens and Staff: Allen Cahill commented on the meeting audio, thanked the DPW for the completion of the playground, and inquired about student numbers. Diane Gagnon relayed questions from Board member Juan Arriola.

13. Adjournment: Diane Gagnon motioned to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Mark Becker.

Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, Russ Moffitt, Ann Gruenberg, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Flegert

This is a draft version of the Minutes until approved by the Board of Education.