

Hampton Board of Education

December 21, 2022 7:00 pm

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Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Chairman Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present: Rose Bisson, Mark Becker, Juan Arriola, Maryellen Donnelly via Zoom, Diane Gagnon, Ann Gruenberg via phone, Matthew Flegert, John Russell, Dave Halbach. Staff and Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Samantha Sarli, Business Director Sally Lehoux.

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff: Juan Arriola Thanked Team C for inviting him into their classroom and requested contractual procedures for non-certified staff.

3. Correspondence to the Board: None

4. Approval of the Minutes from 10/26/2022, 11/16/2022, 11/28/22 and 11/29/2022: It was mentioned that it should be noted that: on the October 26, 2022 meeting minutes that Juan Arriola left the meeting at 7:26pm, on the November 28, 2022 minutes the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:09pm and left Executive Session at 6:58pm, and on the November 29, 2022 minutes it should be noted that Ann Gruenberg was present via phone. Mark Becker motioned to Approve of the Minutes from 10/26/2022, 11/16/2022, 11/28/22 and 11/29/2022 with the following corrections: the October 26, 2022 meeting minutes should note that Juan Arriola left the meeting at 7:26pm, on the November 28, 2022 minutes it should reflect that the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:09pm and left Executive Session at 6:58pm, and on the November 29, 2022 minutes it should be noted that Ann Gruenberg was present via phone. Seconded by Maryellen Donnelly. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Dave Halbach, John Russell, Ann Gruenberg, Matthew Flegert. Voting no: Juan Arriola. Abstaining: Diane Gagnon. Motion carried.

5. Review and Discussion of Policy Numbers 4113.12 and 5144.4: Table until future meeting

6. Discussion and possible action on participating in the RD#11 Insurance Group for the 2023/2024 year: After discussion of rates Maryellen Donnelly motioned to participate in the RD#11 Insurance Group for the 2023/2024 year. Seconded by Mark Becker. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Dave Halbach, Ann Gruenberg, Matthew Flegert. Voting no: Juan Arriola. Abstaining: John Russell. Motion carried.

7. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Samantha Sarli reported on a building update and mentioned that the building would be closed over the winter break for deep cleaning. She also spoke of the winter concert and mentioned the DEI workshop scheduled for January 31, 2023. Dr. Sarli also spoke about the reading curriculum and the classroom audits conducted over the end of summer. Dr. Sarli answered questions from the Board after her report.

8. Principal's Report: Sam Roberson was not in attendance.

9. Business Coordinator's Report: Sally Lehoux had distributed her written report ahead of the meeting and fielded questions by the Board.

10. Committee and Liaison reports:

Communications: Will meet in January.

Finance and Operations: Mark Becker reported that the committee is still receiving mini-split AC/heating system proposals and are trying to figure out different options. Mark also reported that parts for the intercom system are arriving as available and it will be installed when all parts are in. Mark also remarked on rising fuel costs and how they will tax our budget.

Policies: Wrong date was posted, committee did not meet.

Ad-Hoc Job description Sub-Committee - Executive Assistant: Committee did not meet.

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

Ad-Hoc Superintendent's Evaluation Sub-Committee: Committee did not meet.

CABE: Ann Gruenberg reported that CABE had a successful conference in November and CABE continues to focus on diversity and equity training. Ann answered questions from Board members and pointed to online resources available to CABE members.

EastConn: Maryellen Donnelly reported that their board did not meet in December.

11. Additions to the Agenda: None

12. Next Agenda Planning: Budget, policies. The Board will conduct the next few meetings via Zoom, will re-evaluate in April about returning to in-person meetings.

13. Audience for Citizens and Staff: None.

14. Adjournment: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Mark Becker. Voting yes: Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Juan Arriola, Dave Halbach, John Russell, 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.