



Hampton Board of Education
380 Main Street
Hampton, CT 06247

March 22, 2023
7:00 pm

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Meeting ID: 858 6027 7876
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Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present: Rose Bisson, John Russell, Mark Becker, Maryellen Donnelly, Diane Gagnon, Matthew Flegert, Dave Halbach and Juan Arriola. Staff and Others Present: First Selectman Allan Cahill, Superintendent Dr. Samantha Sarli, Principal Sam Roberson, Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux, and others on Zoom.

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff

none

3. Correspondence to the Board

none

4. Student Recognition: Fire Prevention Poster Contest County Winner and the Art of Conservation Song Bird Art Contest Winners

Dr. Sarli recognized the winners of the Fire Prevention Poster County Contest and the Art of Conservation Song Bird Art Contest and presented their Artwork.

5. Approval of the Minutes from 2/22/2023, 12/21/22, and 2/15/23

Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve the minutes from 02/22/2023, 12/21/2022 and 02/15/2023, seconded by Diane Gagnon. Voting Yes: John Russell, Maryellen Donnelly, Mark Becker, Matthew Flegert, Diane Gagnon and Dave Halbach. No response: Juan Arriola. Motion carries.

6. Superintendent's Report

1. Discussion and Possible Action of the 23-24 Draft Board of Education Budget

Dr. Sarli discussed both drafts of the 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget. Mark Becker motioned to accept the 2023-2024 Board of Education Draft Budget with an 3.5% increase for unaffiliated or non-union staff with a total budget amount of \$2,140,288, Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Voting Yes: John Russell, Maryellen Donnelly, Mark Becker, Matthew Flegert, Diane Gagnon and Dave Halbach. Voting No: Juan Arriola. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action of the 23-24 School Year Calendar

Dr. Sarli presented the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar Draft. Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the calendar, Mark Becker seconded. Voting Yes: John Russell, Maryellen Donnelly, Mark Becker, Matthew Flegert, Diane Gagnon and Dave Halbach. Voting No: Juan Arriola. Motion carries.

7. Principal's Report

Principal Sam Roberson reported on the Science of Reading Staff Development. The students did a Dr. Seuss themed week for Reading Across America. Ms Roberson shared everybody's excitement about the upcoming Touch A Truck PTO event, and described the Munson's PTO fundraiser. She explained the attendance for the Parent-Teacher Conferences and how the school is planning a field trip for PreK and Kindergarten to see The Pout-Pout Fish play in Woodstock. Dr. Sarli added and elaborated the Science of Reading network site visit and walk through in Kindergarten as well as Team A and B. Dr. Sarli also explained the cooperation with the Audubon Society and their book preserving project at Hampton Elementary.

8. Business Coordinator's Report

Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux reported on the Budget vs. Actual Report and addressed and discussed questions following her report.



9. Discussion and Possible Action of Policy Numbers 4113.12 and 5144.4

Mark Becker motioned to approve Policy Numbers 4113.12 and 5144.4, Matthew Flegert seconded. Voting Yes: John Russell, Maryellen Donnelly, Mark Becker, Matthew Flegert, Diane Gagnon and Dave Halbach. Voting No: Juan Arriola. Motion carries.

10. Discussion and Preview of Policy Numbers 5113.2, 5141.4, and 5145.511

Policy Numbers 5113.2, 5141.4, and 5145.511 will be reviewed in the next meeting.

11. Discussion of School Security. Executive Session

Maryellen Donnelly motioned to enter Executive Session and to invite Dr. Samantha Sarli and First Selectman Allan Cahill, Mark Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Entered Executive Session at 7:41 pm. Returned to Public Session at 7:50 pm.

12. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion of CHRO Complaint # A23979

Executive Session tabled for next meeting.

13. Committee and Liaison reports

- 1. Communications** - Matthew Flegert summarized last meeting on how the committee discussed the website and the upcoming Newsletter
- 2. Finance and Operations** - Mark Becker explained the discussion of the last meeting about mini splits and the heating system overall and the upcoming walk through to assess. He thanked Dr. Sarli for her initiative in getting the PA system upgraded. The committee was also reviewing their 5-year plan.
- 3. Policies** - Chair Rose Bisson pointed out that the discussed policies will be sent out for the next meeting unless they need to be reviewed sooner.
- 4. EastConn** - Maryellen Donnelly elaborated on the discussion of the budget that was covered in EASTCONN's last meeting. She also raised a concern about the challenge of hiring new employees. Furthermore, EASTCONN continues to put their focus on watching the funding in general.

14. Additions to the Agenda

14. a. Discussion of when the Board returns to in-person Meetings. Diane Gagnon motioned to return to in-person Meetings by next month, Juan Arriola seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Next Agenda Planning

Discussion and Preview of Policy Numbers 5113.2, 5141.4, and 5145.511.
Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion of CHRO Complaint # A23979.

16. Audience for Citizens and Staff

First Selectman Allan Cahill suggested possible funding for Drug Prevention Presentations at School

17. Interviews and Appointment of New Board Member. Executive Session Anticipated.

Mark Becker motioned to enter Executive Session with the purpose of preparing for the Interviews, inviting Dr. Samantha Sarli and First Selectman Allan Cahill at 8:22 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Returning to Public Session at 8:30 pm. Both candidates have no preference of being interviewed in an Executive or Public Session. Board discussed New Board Members Post-Interviews. Diane Gagnon motioned to appoint Mr. Dennis Timberman as New Board Member, Dave Halbach seconded. Voting Yes: Maryellen Donnelly, Mark Becker, Matthew Flegert, Diane Gagnon, Dave Halbach and Juan Arriola. Abstention: John Russell. Motion carried.

18. Adjournment

Diane Gagnon motioned to adjourn at 8:53 pm, Maryellen Donnelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Anderson

Approved by the Board of Education on 04/26/2023.