



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025
7:00 PM
HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01. Those in attendance were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, John Russell, and Dennis Timberman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff on Agenda Items

Dennis Timberman praised the HES drama performance of *Cinderella*.

Madison Murphy, who was awarded the Marsh Chester award, spoke about the plastic problem.

Through her work, HES uses paper bags rather than plastic bags in its food program. Madison entered the National Civics Bee to further her work about the plastic problem. She will be representing Hampton at the state-wide competition on June 7.

Dayna McDermott Arriola praised Team A teacher, Ms. Melissa O'Donovan.

Christian Macias-Perez commented that we need to help our children to develop.

Juan Arriola commented on use of social media.

3. Correspondent to the Board

None

4. Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings 4/23/25, 5/13/25 and 5/21/25

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to approve the Board of Education meeting minutes for 4/23/25. Juan Arriola seconded the motion.

Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, John Russell, and Dennis Timberman. Maryellen Donnelly abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: Juan Arriola moved to approve the minutes for 5/13/25 and 5/21/25. David Halbach seconded the motion.

Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, and Dennis Timberman. John Russell abstained. The motion passed.

5. Principal's Report

Principal Smith reported that there has been a focus on the whole child and academics. Testing is wrapping up. Professional development will next focus on math. In addition to a review of recent events, she announced that Danielle McIver will be volunteering hours during the summer to have the library open.

6. Superintendent's Report

The afterschool grant that funded a focus on family engagement is open and an application will be completed. HES students participated in an orientation at Parish Hill on May 28 along with students from the Chaplin and Scotland elementary schools. Superintendent Skarzynski is monitoring legislation and school funding in the implementer bill. A tri-town committee will look at how AI benefits students. Information will be provided in the coming weeks about the Connecticut model of digital citizenship education and the "Let Grow" project encouraging independence and self reliance of students.

7. Business Coordinator's Report

Sally Lehoux provided the board with the Budget vs. Actual reports for April 2025 and May 28, 2025, and the Hampton Boe Fy25 Budget Major Variance Explanations & Transfer Requests.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to transfer \$50,000 from Salaries/Wages to Purchased Professional/Technical Services; \$40,000 from Benefits to Purchased Property Services; and, \$10,000 from 500 Other Purchased Services to 400 Purchased Property Services. Elizabeth Lindorff seconded the motion.

Voting yes were Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, John Russell, and Dennis Timberman. Voting no was Juan Arriola. The motion passed.

8. Committee and Liaison Reports

a. Finance and Operations

Mark Becker reviewed current building work and the 5-year plan.

b. EASTCONN

Maryellen Donnelly reported on the annual meeting including budgeting.

c. Ad Hoc Committee

Dennis Timberman reported that the ad hoc committee did not meet. He noted that policy committee met.

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Preschool tuition charges in arrears

Superintendent Skarzynski reported that charges and payments for previous years listed in the May 28, 2025 document "Hampton School Readiness Invoicing Customer Balance Summary" will continue to be reviewed because errors were found. Information for the current year is correct and families have been contacted.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Transfers

See item 7.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Board Goals

Mark Becker provided the board with "Hampton Board of Education Self-evaluation Survey Results 2024", board goals for several districts, "Hampton Board of Education Board Goals 2015-16" and referenced goals in the 0000 series of board policies. Board members will decide goals during the next BOE meeting. The self evaluation survey results and previous goals are a guide.

12. First read: Policy 5144.12 Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practice Response

Superintendent Skarzyński presented the policy and answered questions. The policy will be voted on in June.

13. Additions to the Agenda

None

14. Next Agenda Planning

Policy 5144.12, Superintendent Evaluation, Board Goals

15. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

None

16. Adjournment

Motion: Juan Arriola moved to adjourn. John Russell seconded the motion.

Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly, David Halbach, Elizabeth Lindorff, John Russell, and Dennis Timberman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Donnelly