



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
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HAMPTON, CT 06247

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2026
6:30 PM
HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Mark Becker called the meeting to order at 6:31.

Those in attendance were Juan Arriola, Laura Barrow, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Tim Studer and Dennis Timberman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal Victoria Smith, Director of Special Education Mary Jo Chretien, and Business Coordinator Sally Lehoux.

2. Audience for Citizens and Staff on Agenda Items

Laura Sorel, Hampton Elementary School counselor, spoke about HES needs and staff.

Lynn Burdick spoke about the budget and posed questions.

Dayna McDermott Arriola spoke about the March 25, 2026 budget.

Nick Brockett spoke about the value of students.

Nick Brown spoke about the raises of town workers and school workers.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Revised HES Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Superintendent Skarzyński presented changes in the draft June, 17, 2026 budget from the March 25, 2026 budget.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved that the BOE approve \$2,358,318 for the school year 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Dennis Timberman.

The BOE discussed the draft budget.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly amended the motion and moved to approve \$2,357,818 for the school year 2026-2027. Dennis Timberman seconded the amended motion.

Voting yes were Laura Barrow, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Tim Studer and Dennis Timberman. Voting no was Juan Arriola.

The motion passed.

4. Second Audience for Citizens and Staff

Lynn Burdick commented on budget and financial matters and posed questions about items brought up during BOE discussion and asked how answers would be provided.

Laura Sorel commented on part time positions and a new community engagement committee.

Kathy Donahue requested updated documents.

Nick Brown spoke about the town budget and the HES budget.

Chelsey Guilmette spoke about community engagement.

Allen Cahill asked what changes were made from the March 25, 2026 budget.

Dennis Timberman commented on the 6th grade stepping up ceremony.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved to adjourn.

Dennis Timberman seconded the motion.

Voting yes were Juan Arriola, Laura Barrow, Mark Becker, Stephanie Bora, Nick Brockett, Maryellen Donnelly, Elizabeth Lindorff, Tim Studer and Dennis Timberman.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Donnelly