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Fwd: executive session?

1 message

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To: Juan Arriola <jarriola@hamptonschool.org>

Cc: Mark Becker <mbecker@hamptonschool.org>

Mon, May 18, 2026 at 9:41 AM

Hi Juan,

I'm hoping you can help keep things accurate. Can you weigh in on the wording for this? Would this technically be two executive sessions and if so, would we word the second request as a discussion on the request for additional time or can we fold that into one executive session?

Thanks,

Andy

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From: **Sally Lehoux** <slehoux@hamptonschool.org>

Date: Mon, May 18, 2026 at 8:32AM

Subject: executive session?

To: Kellie Schimmelpfennig <kschimmelpfennig@hamptonschool.org>

CC: Sally Lehoux <slehoux@hamptonschool.org>, Andrew Skarzynski <askarzynski@hamptonschool.org>

Hi Kellie.

I am expecting a request for additional sick time which would need to be included on the 5/27 BoE meeting agenda. If Andy receives the request, I'd suggest the following wording but Andy should confirm.

1. Executive session for discussion concerning the health of a public employee.

and

2. Possible action on request for additional sick time pursuant to the HEA Agreement

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Kind Regards,
Sally



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Retreat agenda

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Fri, Jun 12, 2026 at 11:07 AM

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Bcc: Victoria Smith <vsmith@hamptonschool.org>

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Hampton BOE Retreat and Regular meeting (June 24th)

1 message

Laura Barrow <lbarrow@hamptonschool.org>

Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 8:40 AM

To: Andrew Skarzynski <askarzynski@hamptonschool.org>

Good morning,

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Now regarding the June 24th regular meeting, I have family coming in from out-of-state for a family event and I will not be able to attend that particular meeting. Further, [REDACTED] and may not make it to tonight's meeting (June 17th) , but will try [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Laura Barrow
Hampton BOE



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