

HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAMPTON, CT 06247
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014
6:30 PM
HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

PRESENT: Dr. Paul Graseck, Superintendent, Elise Guari, Principal, Sally Lehoux, Business Coordinator, Maryellen Donnelly, John Burnham, Catherine Wade, Ann Gruenberg, Stan Crawford, and Joan Fox.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM

2. Audience for Staff
No Comment

3. Audience for Citizens
Dayna McDermott asked a question about the business coordinator's insurance in the 13/14 budget.

4. Written Communications
None

5. NEWSLETTER

Joan Fox discussed the new BOE newsletter. She has emailed a draft for board members to preview. She reviewed the costs of the newsletter with the board, which included doing the newsletter both in house and at a local printers. After some discussion by board members, it was decided to use a local printer, Gulemo Printers gave a quote of \$642.75 for this initial newsletter because the cost of mailing will be included in the total price.

6. BUDGET

a) Transportation—Superintendent Graseck distributed a table of transportation bids for 3-year and 5-year contracts. Board members reviewed the cost of the contracts, noting that First Student had the best offer for both 3 and 5-year contracts. There was some discussion about the possibility of a shared services bus contract developing in the future and about whether the language of the new contract allows for changes should this happen. Dr. Graseck will consult with our attorneys regarding this and the specific language in the contract offered by First Student. Vote on the bus contract was deferred until a future meeting.

b) INSURANCE—Superintendent Graseck reported to the board that the cost of insurance for HES will be 16.7% for 2014 – 2015. This is based on the decision by RD 11, of which we are a part, to select Anthem as their carrier. This figure means that the budget presented in January will increase by \$12,694.

c) BUDGET—Dr. Graseck distributed the most recent budget with changes that have been made based on new information that has been received. The “new” budget reflects a 5.89% increase as compared with the previous 4.98% increase projected in the January budget, but only a 0.39% increase over the budget passed two years ago. Both Dr. Graseck and Ms. Guari answered questions from board members during a discussion of the “new” budget.

7. AUDIENCE FOR STAFF/CITIZENS

Joy Becker stated that she was glad to see the \$40,000 included in the “new” budget for restoration of services.

Board member Stan Crawford thanked Dr. Graseck for the hard work he put into the presentation of bus contract bids presented earlier in the evening.

Board member Catherine Wade thanked board members for the cards, flowers, phone calls, and visits she received during her recent recovery from hip surgery.

8. AGENDA PLANNING

Items for the next agenda were discussed. The meeting of Wednesday, March 19, 2014 will be the next meeting and will be a regular board meeting. The meeting of Wednesday, March 26, 2014 is cancelled due to the conflict with Empty Bowls at Parish Hill that same night.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Catherine Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Gruenberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Meetings Minutes (#5 – 9) respectfully submitted by
Lisa Siegmund, Secretary