

Hampton Board of Education
Hampton, CT

Finance Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2013

Present for the Board: Stan Crawford, Maryellen Donnelly, Douglas Stewart, Rose Bisson
Also Present: Dr. Paul Graseck, Superintendent of School, Sally Lehoux, Business Coordinator

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Dr. Graseck.
2. Selection of Chair
The committee agreed that Rose Bisson will serve as chair.
3. Audience for Teachers and Citizens
No commentary.
4. Additions to the Agenda
Committee members agreed that lighting will be discussed under item 15.
5. Minutes: 11/18/2013
Committee members accepted the minutes as presented.
6. Art in the Hallways
John Burne, a Hampton resident, discussed donating a large painting he created for the front hallway of the school. Dr. Graseck will check with the fire marshal about the requirements for hanging a large painting, then bring the subject to the full board of education.
7. 3013/2014 Financials
Committee members asked questions about the December reports.
8. Set Regular Dates and Times
Dr. Graseck recommended dates for the meetings. Committee members decided to schedule a few meetings during budget development time. Mrs. Lehoux will compile the dates and send them to the town clerk.
9. Ten Month Benefits Chart Correction to OT/PT Positions
Committee members agreed to changes to the Benefits Chart to correctly reflect benefits provided to the PT and OT positions. The full Board of Education will address the issue at the next meeting.
10. 2014/2015 Health Insurance
 - a. Plan Options for Non-Union Employees
Committee members recommended that the superintendent budget for next year according to the plans currently offered.
 - b. Premium Share
Committee members recommended that the superintendent budget for next year according to the current premium share rate.
 - c. Grandfathered Agreements: Spousal and Stipend

Committee members recommended that the superintendent budget for next year assuming spousal insurance will not be provided and the one employee with a stipend be provided the same stipend next year.

11. Education Donations

a. Update on Donations

Dr. Graseck reported on the present state of the education donations fund. Mrs. Bisson noted that the superintendent donated the full amount of his 2013-14 salary increase to the fund. The full BOE will determine how to use all of the donated funds.

b. Cost of Restoring Music and Art

Dr. Graseck reported the cost of restoring the music and art teacher positions.

c. Check Signers

Dr. Graseck recommended that the BOE appoint the same signers for the education donations fund as the signers for the BOE checking account. The full BOE will take up the issue.

12. Committee and Community Support for Grants

Dr. Graseck reported he found a workshop at Eastconn that will discuss many aspects of obtaining grants. After discussing the workshop with John Burnham, Chair, Hampton Board of Education, Dr. Graseck asked Stan Crawford if he would attend the workshop with some members of the Hampton School faculty. Mr. Crawford agreed and will report back to the BOE after the first meeting.

13. 2014-15 Budget

The superintendent has asked for input to the budget process from the faculty and staff and will work on the budget during the upcoming break.

14. Transportation

Dr. Graseck reminded the committee members that it will soon be time to request bids for a new transportation contract. Mr. Burnham is contacting area board chairs to determine if there is interest in combining services.

15. Five –Year Plan and Current Year Maintenance

The committee members discussed the make-up of the five year plan, lighting and the state of the refrigerator/freezer in the kitchen.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Bisson

Chair, Hampton Board of Education Finance Committee