

Chaplin Board of Education
Hampton Board of Education
Scotland Board of Education
Regional School District 11 Board of Education
Joint Boards of Education Special Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016
Minutes

In Attendance: Rodney Perry, Scotland BOE; Brynn Lipstreu, Scotland BOE; Sherry Smardon, Scotland BOE; Steven Kurcinik, Scotland BOE; Kathy O'Callaghan, Regional District 11 BOE; Scott Sears, Scotland BOE; Jennifer Nelson, Regional District 11 BOE; John Burnham, Hampton BOE; Mark Becker, Hampton BOE; Richard LaBlanc, Hampton BOE; Ann Gruenberg, Hampton BOE; Maryellen Donnelly, Hampton BOE; Rose Bisson, Hampton BOE

1. Call to Order

Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Audience for Citizens

No commentary.

3. Committee Reports and Discussion

Costs - John Burnham reported the committee has heard back from four towns. The figures came back in different formats and need to be organized. John will share electronic copies with the board chairs and they will disseminate the information to their board members. The group discussed the need for individual elementary boards to discuss the program that they would provide for seventh and eighth graders if those grades were placed into the elementary boards' programs. The group also discussed requesting Eastconn provide a workshop for small districts to discuss common issues.

Survey – Maryellen Donnelly reported the committee is waiting for the answer to a legal question to finish the survey. The voter lists are collated and need to be reviewed to remove voters who are no longer eligible.

Shared Services – Rose Bisson reported the committee is not making much progress. Attendance at meetings has been an issue.

4. FOI Request Made by the Four Board Chairs

Rose Bisson reported that the four chairs received a reply to their FOI request. There are some funds remaining, approximately \$5,800. The Scotland Board of Selectmen voted not to release the funds unless it was to a study committee formed to study either dissolution of Regional District 11 or a study of addition/withdrawal of grades to Regional District 11.

5. Discussion of Advantages and Disadvantages of Requesting a Study of Adding or Withdrawing Grades from Regional School District 11

The group discussed the pros and cons of requesting a study. The Hampton and Scotland Boards of Education agreed to include an item on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss and possibly act on this topic.

6. Planning Next Steps

The group agreed to continue meeting.

7. Plan Time, Date, Place and Agenda for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 2, 2016 in Scotland.

8. Audience for Citizens

Dan Syme, Scotland First Selectman spoke in favor of requesting a study as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Nick Brown of Hampton also spoke in favor of requesting a study.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Bisson

Chair, Hampton Board of Education