

**HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes
June 27, 2012**

Call to Order – Tim Reeve, President –The meeting was called to order by President Tim Reeve at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the Hampton Public School Library as publicly advertised.

Open Public Meeting Announcement - The following is made part of the minutes:

“In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notices have been given of tonight’s meeting in area newspaper, the Hunterdon Democrat, on April 19, 2012 and posted in public buildings which include the Hampton Borough Hall and Hampton School.”

Pledge of Allegiance - All of those present participated in the pledge to the allegiance.

District Mission Statement was read into the minutes by President Reeve:

The Hampton Borough School District, committed to quality and excellence, will provide a broad-based education which is responsive to the needs of all students. Working with the community, the district shall:

- Offer a wide range of academic experiences that encourages all students to meet their potential and prepares them to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards.
- Foster a respect for self and others
- Encourage personal, social, and civic responsibility
- Develop a continuing interest in self-improvement in all areas
- Create an environment that encourages a desire for successful learning
- Generate an enthusiasm for life-long learning

Roll Call – Interim Board Secretary Werner

Present: Tim Reeve, President
Cheryl Drzewoszewski, Vice President
Kimberly Donnenberg

Absent: Megan Bruton
Gina Sharkey

Also Present: Christine Werner, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
There were 15 members of the public present.

Communications

Board Trustee Kimberley Donnenberg moved the following resolution:

Recommend the communications mentioned be listed in the minutes and action be taken as necessary.

Sender	Subject	Referred to
Joanna Hughes	School Calendar 2012-2013	Mr. Tim Reeve, Board President Members, Hampton Board of Education c.: Christine M. Werner, Interim BA/BS
Hunterdon County Professional Development Board	Approval of Hampton Borough District's Professional Development Plan 2012-2013	Ms. Joanna Hughes, CSA Ms. Brynday Taylor-Flynn Mr. Time Reeve, Board President
St. Ann Roman Catholic Church	Facilities Request 2012-2013	Ms. Christine M. Werner, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary Ms. Joanna Hughes, CSA

- **Discussion:** Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski inquired if the fees associated with Facilities Use would remain the same for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Werner stated that the fees charges/associated for Facilities Use is in accordance with Board of Education policy - no changes have been made to the fee schedule for the current school year.

The motion was seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski and was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

Board President's Report

President Reeve had no comment at this time.

Chief School Administrator's Report – Joanna Hughes

Mrs. Werner distributed a memorandum from Chief School Administrator Hughes certifying no H.I.B. incidents occurred in the district for the period February 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

Interim Board Secretary's Report – Christine M. Werner

Interim Business Administrator Werner had nothing to report this evening.

Comments from Public I (Public discussion of agenda items.)

Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg moved, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski to open the public session at 7:39 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Reeve opened the meeting to the public at 7:39 p.m.

Elizabeth Dilts (45 Wells Avenue) referred to this evening Addendum and inquired how many interviews were conducted to select Mr. DiBenedetto and inquired if an Interim CSA fills what the district needs in terms of Administration. Board President Reeve stated that the Board of Education had cast a wide net in terms of the CSA search including the following: Interim CSA, Full Time CSA, Part Time CSA, and a Full Time Principal and that the Board of Education had conducted 7 interviews. Ms. Dilts inquired if the interviews were conducted by committee; if all 5 Board of Education members have/had met with all of the candidates; and if the HPS teachers have/had been consulted. Board President Reeve stated that all 5 Board of Education Members have met and interviewed Mr. DiBenedetto; most of the candidates have met with at least 2 Board of Education Trustees although not all Interim CS/Interim Superintendent/Principal and Interim Principal candidates have met with all Board of Education members. Board President Reeve stated that due to the fact that various positions were given consideration and being that the position being considered at this time is an Interim CSA, the HPS staff has not/have not been involved with the Interim CSA search at this time. A brief discussion ensued.

There being no additional items for discussion at this time, Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg moved, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski to close the public session at 7:25 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

Committee Reports

Finance and Building & Grounds – Timothy Reeve and Cheryl Drzewoszewski

A. Facility Request – Timothy Reeve and Megan Bruton

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

A1. **Recommend** the Board approve the following facility request(s) as presented:

Group	Purpose	Date	Fee (if applicable)
Hampton Emergency Squad	Request Use of 200 folding chairs for Annual Raffle	Friday - Sunday July 20-22, 2012	N/A

- All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Chief School Administrator in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Buildings and Grounds Committee Member

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

A2. **Recommend** the Board approve the following facility request(s) as presented:

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
St. Ann Roman Catholic Church	Instruction Grades 1-8 Classrooms	Sundays September 9, 2012 – May 19, 2013	9:00 am – 10:15 am	Facility Use/Rental Fee Policy #

- All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Chief School Administrator in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Buildings and Grounds Committee Member

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

A3. **Recommend** the Board approve the following facility request(s) as presented:

Group	Purpose	Date	Fee (if applicable)
Hampton HSA	Market Day Sales Gym	Fridays September 7, 2012 to June 3, 2013	N/A

- All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Chief School Administrator in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Buildings and Grounds Committee Member

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

B. Building Maintenance- Timothy Reeve and Megan Bruton

There were no Building Maintenance matters presented for discussion this evening.

C. Negotiations –Timothy Reeve & Gina Sharkey

There were no Negotiations matters presented for discussion this evening.

D. Personnel – Kimberly Donnenberg & Gina Sharkey

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D1. **Recommend** the Board approve the Employment Contract with Christine M. Werner, as Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual salary of \$70,000 as per the attached and as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. The Employment Contract has been submitted the the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent for review and approval in accordance with NJ Regulations.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D2. **Recommend** the Board approve the employment of Anissa Mikitiuk as a full-time teaching assistant for the 2012 – 2013 school year at a salary of \$12,000 per year as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. **Funding Source: IDEA Grant Funds** Benefits are not included.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D3. **Recommend** the Board approve, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the employment of the following substitute Special Education One-To-One Instructional Aides for the Extended School Year Autism Program at an hourly rate of \$15.24 per hour for up to 5.5 hours per day beginning July 2, 2012 – August 9, 2012.

1. Kristen Lee Rinehart
2. Barbara A. Antonelli
3. Kathleen Oswald

***This ESY program will be held at the Tewksbury Elementary School for Student #856229966.**

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D4. **Recommend** the Board approve the employment of Debra Johnson as a part-time (.5 FTE) Spanish Teacher – Leave Replacement for Mrs. Lashevicki for the period August 23, 2012 – December 21, 2012 at a salary of \$25,550 pro-rata.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D5. **Recommend** the Board acknowledges the movement of the following employee’s advanced lateral status effective August 22, 2012 as follows:

Employee	From	To
Michael Jones	BA – Step K	BA + 15 – Step K
	\$56,650	\$57,750

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D6. **Recommend** the Board approve the request for Professional Day for Paula Nicolai.

Date	Teacher	Subject	Estimated Cost
09/21/12	Ms. Paula Nicolai	“Handwriting Withoug Tears” (Pre-K Readiness & Writing, Pre-K Literacy & Math) Conference Princeton, NJ	\$385.00 NCLB Title IIA Mileage \$24.20 (38.7 miles @ .31/mile) - Current Exp. Substitute: \$45.00 NCLB Title IIA

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D7. **Recommend** the Board add Nancy Knight to the district’s substitute teacher list for the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Knight is a former employee (retired) and has her standard certificate and has completed her criminal history background check.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution D8 be addended as presented.

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- D8. **Recommend** the Board appoints of Arthur DiBenedetto as Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Mr. DiBenedetto’s employment contact has been sent to the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent for review and approval of same.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

President Reeve congratulated Mr. DiBenedetto on his appointment stating “Welcome Aboard!”

Mr. Art DiBenedetto thanked President Reeve and the Board of Education for being afforded the opportunity to serve the Hampton Borough Public School and Hampton community. “It is an honor to be able to serve the Hampton Borough Public School and Hampton Board of Education. I am very grateful to be given the opportunity to serve you. This is my 40th year as an educator and I welcome the opportunity to discuss and share my educational philosophy, background and experience that I have had in the past. I am blessed to have had these experiences and that I am able to continue to serve as an educational leader now. I look forward to learning about the students, parents, staff and community of Hampton. I have both long term and short term goals and hope to continue to make/implement improvements for the district during my service to you. My door is always open and I welcome Parents/Children/Staff/HPS community members, as well as Hampton Borough residents to meet with me, call me and/or email me at adibenedetto@hampton.nhweb.net. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your district!”

E. Policy – Gina Sharkey and Cheryl Drzewoszewski

There were no Policy matters presented for discussion this evening.

F. Legislative Delegate- Megan Bruton

There were no Legislative matters presented for discussion this evening.

G. Curriculum & Technology-Timothy Reeve and Cheryl Drzewoszewski

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- G1. **Recommend** the Board approves the Hampton Borough public school district’s 2012-2013 Professional Development Plan as approved by the Hunterdon County Professional Development Board and as attached.

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- G2. **Recommend** the Board recognizes and approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report as of June 6, 2012, as summarized below in accordance with Policy #5512:

Incidents Investigated	Confirmed Incidents of HIB
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Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

H. ESC Representative-Kimberly Donnenberg

Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg noted that the ESC has scheduled a meeting tomorrow.

I. Hunterdon County SBA Representative-Kimberly Donnenberg

Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg state that there is no report pertaining to the Hunterdon County SBA.

J. Communication-Gina Sharkey and Cheryl Drzewoszewski

Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski read aloud the following which has been placed in the Hampton Junction Telegraph acknowledging the retirement of Ms. Joanna Hughes, Chief School Administrator:

The Hampton Public School Board of Education would like to recognize Ms. Joanna Hughes, Chief School Administrator, and the tremendous contribution she has made to our school and our community over the last six years. We are proud and honored to have worked with Ms. Hughes, who has taken an active role in addressing the needs of our students and our school and who has spent countless hours serving the needs of the entire Hampton school community. Her accomplishments have been many – substantially updating and improving the curriculum for Literacy, Math, Science and Social Studies; implementing major upgrades in Technology resources and in the Science lab; overseeing the long overdue rehabilitation of the school building, allowing for a more healthy environment for the students and one more conducive to learning – just to name a few. Ms. Hughes has led the school staff and student body by her own example of professionalism and encouragement. We are grateful for the positive change she has brought to our school and wish her the best as she begins the next chapter in her life.

President Reeve stated “Thank you, Cheryl.”

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Report – Christine Werner, Interim SBA

Motion by Board President Reeve, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- BA1. **Recommend** in accordance with NJAC 6:20-2:113 the Board of Education certifies to the best of their knowledge, that no major account or fund has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligations as of June 27, 2012.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board President Reeve, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- BA2. **Recommend** the Board authorize the Interim Business Administrator to pay bills during the month of June 2012 that shall be post approved at the next meeting of the Hampton Board of Education.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- BA3. **Recommend** the Board confirm the approval of the payrolls for June 1, 2012 in the amount of \$94,383.48, June 15, 2012 in the amount of \$88,490.50 and June 28, 2012 in the amount of \$10,086.59.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- BA4. **Recommend** the Board accept/approve the Student Activity Fund report for the month of May 2012 submitted by Mrs. Sharon Lentine in the amount of \$1,931.23.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- BA5. **Recommend** the Board accept/approve the Administrative Account Report for the month of May 2012 submitted by Mrs. Sharon Lentine in the amount of \$2,970.00.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board President Reeve, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

- BA6. **Recommend** the Board accept/approve the Cafeteria's Monthly report for the month of May 2012 submitted by Mrs. Sharon Lentine in the amount of \$1,781.39.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution BA7 be addended as presented.

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

BA7. **Recommend** the Board of Education reject all Food Service Management Company proposals received on June 13, 2012 and authorize the Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary to readvertise and re-solicit FSMC proposals on July 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. for the 2012-2013 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Donnenberg, Mrs. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Old Business

There were no Old Business matters presented for discussion this evening.

New Business

Councilwoman McDougall inquired if the Board of Education has had an opportunity to review/discuss/address the Exporatory Committee recommendations as presented at the Special Meeting with the Borough of Hampton held on May 31, 2012 and at which the Hampton Borough Exploratory Committee presented its findings. Board President Reeve state that the Board of Education is currently in the process of setting up a committee comprised of two (2) Board of Education Trustess who will move forward on this. President Reeve stated that the findings of the Exploratory Committee is certainly important to the Board of Education and HPS community and that the focus of this committee will be to review the recommendations and make suggestions/recommendations as to what action may be taken, if any. President Reeve stated that he would also share the report with Mr. DiBenedetto as well and ask for his assistance and expertise in reviewing the data and making recommendations as to how the district may/will proceed.

Comments from the Public II:

Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg moved, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski to open the public session at 8:07 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Reeve opened the meeting to the public at 8:07 p.m.

Discussion:

Jeff Minchin referred to this evening's HIB report as presented and approved by the Board of Education, requesting that he be provided a copy of the Board of Education Policy #5512. Mrs. Werner stated that a copy of the Harrassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy #5512 would be provided to him at the next opportunity.

Elizabeth Dilts (45 Wells Avenue) inquired if Mrs. Werner's Employment Contract represents a full-time, 40 hours/week employee. President Reeve stated "yes".

Elizabeth Dilts (45 Wells Avenue) stated in regard to President Reeve's statement/explanation regarding the appointment of a 2 BOE member assigned to review the Exploratory Committee's Report and Recommendations, inquired if this would be done by July 2012. President Reeve stated that he would speak to whole Board to solicit interest in serving on the committee and once the committee is formed (including Mr. DiBenedetto) to review the report and recommendations, the committee will discuss the recommendations and any actions to be taken, if any. President Reeve stated that this will likely not be ready and certainly not completed by the July 17, 2012 Regular Business Meeting but will likely be an on-going project over the next few months.

Elizabeth Dilts (45 Wells Avenue) referenced the cost of the sick day buy-out/vacation day buy-out of retired Chief School Administrator Hughes and inquired if this would be supported by the \$ breakage anticipated between Chief School Administrator Hughes' 2012-2013 salary and the Interm CSA's salary which will certainly cost the district less. Mrs. Dilts inquired if this will affect the district's anticipated surplus. Mrs. Werner stated that this will have no effect on the district's surplus @ June 20, 2011.

Elizabeth Dilts (45 Wells Avenue) referred to the School Sign and stated that it still contained references to Graduation which was 3 weeks ago. Mrs. Dilts stated that the Board of Education has canceled/rescheduled the Regular Business Meeting scheduled on June 19, 2012 and rescheduled to be held this evening (June 27, 2012 @ 7:30 pm rather than 7:00 pm) yet there was no signage change or notation regarding this change. A brief discussion ensued. President Reeve stated that an Executive Session meeting was called to discuss personnel matters, contracts and other confidential matters that are reserved for discussion in Executive Session. Board Trustee Drzewoszewski stated that being that 8th grade students make changes to the school sign and being that they have recently graduated and school is not in session, there was not much thought with regard to the upkeep of the school sign. Mrs. Dilts recommended that someone be designated to change the sign as may be necessary outside of the eighth grade students. President Reeve stated that he would take her suggestion/recommendation under advisement regarding the school sign being updated during the Summer. Additionally, in terms of the 48 hour advertisement regarding the Special Executive Session meeting change last week, it was necessary for the Board of Education to discuss the Superintendent vacancy and considerations (as discussed with the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent) to process all of the available information and to insure an appropriate course of action was taken to make an appointment this evening in an effort to fill the CSA vacancy, and now we have done so with Mr. DiBenedetto. Mrs. Dilts stated that her perception is that there has been a break in trust between the Hampton Board of Education and the Hampton community over the past several years and this is frustrating with all of the disconnects i.e. communication. I come to the Board of Education meetings, being active and taking a pro-active role. A brief discussion ensued.

William Shumsky stated that the findings/results of the Hampton Borough Exploratory Committee was horrible. Board President Reeve stated that is the opinion of certain/some individuals but not all. A brief heated discussion ensued. Mr. Shumsky stood and left the meeting. Board President Reeve stated, "Our new Interim CSA is in the audience this evening and hears the comments being made." A brief discussion ensued. Mr. DiBenedetto stated that it is important not to discount a means of or chance to communicate. I will work to develop better methods of communication between the HPS and Hampton Borough community in the future.

Much discussion ensued regarding what is potentially broken, concerns, suggestions, recommendations – President Reeve stated that the Board will take these things under advisement and act/respond accordingly. Mrs. Dilts expressed concern that the Board of Education is invalidating what I am saying and trying to communicate to you, Board of Education. President Reeve stated that all matters/concerns/recommendations that are brought to the Board of Education are taken under consideration, maybe there is something that can be done and maybe there is not. Board Trustee Drzewoszewski stated that members of the public may criticize actions taken by the Board, without full knowledge or benefit of hearing lengthy discussion on various topics at the BOE meetings. Mrs. Dilts stated that she, herself, has been criticized and stated "Personally, I am offended that I am criticized that I have not attended meetings. Don't discredit, it sends the wrong message to the community." President Reeve stated that things don't change/happen right away. "I apologize, I did not intentionally intend to discredit you for not being at the last few meetings, but rather tried to point out that by not being at prior meetings you don't have the benefit of our detailed discussions. The Board of Education has done a lot of work and recently, you have done a lot of work as well (working with the Exploratory Committee). Sometimes things take a little time." Mrs. Dilts stated the #1 Problem is COMMUNICATION! 85% of the Hampton community does not have children

in the school and the Board of Education has NO communication with them.” Board Trustee Drzewoszewski stated that the Board of Education and Administration utilize the Board of Education meetings, required public announcements, school website, school sign, email distribution list and the quarterly newsletter (Hampton Junction Telegraph) to get information out to the public. In fact, as noted earlier, the Board of Education recently utilized the Hampton Junction Telegraph to acknowledge the contributions made to the Hampton Borough Public School by Chief School Administrator Hughes. We are making tremendous efforts to communicate with the public.” Discussion ensued.

President Reeve stated that the Board of Education monthly meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Five and one-half years ago, no public attended the Board of Education meetings except a handful of teachers, students or HSA members, and it was only since last year’s tax billing error that the public has expressed serious concern. We are trying to work through that. We have heard “close the school, save taxes”. But, in fact, closing the school may not save taxes and may even cost you more in the long run (our debt service is a 30 year repayment schedule that will continue and must be paid whether the school is closed or not). People think we can just close the school and may be misinformed that the school taxes will go away but that is not true. Mrs. Dilts stated “of course that is not true.” President Reeve stated that if there was no Hampton Public School, the Borough (local taxpayer) would still be responsible for taxation to pay the debt and the Borough would lose the Debt Service State Aid if there was no school which will cause an increase tax burden on the local community. A brief discussion ensued.

There being no additional items for discussion at this time, Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg moved, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski to close the public session at 8:40 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, that **RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 and 10:4-12 that the Hampton Board of Education hold a closed Executive Session regarding personnel and contract matters. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

The motion was made at 8:41 pm and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **A motion is requested to come out of executive session.**

Motion by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg, seconded by Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski, to close executive session at 9:09 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 9:09 pm with the following members present:

Present: Mrs. Donnenberg, Ms. Drzewoszewski, and Mr. Reeve, President.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Cheryl Drzewoszewski made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Kimberly Donnenberg and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the June 27, 2012 Regular Business Meeting of the Hampton Board of Education at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Werner
Interim Board Secretary