



HAMPTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAMPTON, CT 06247  
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ADVOCACY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2025  
HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA ROOM/LIBRARY  
11:00 AM

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 11:00. Present were Board of Education members Stephanie Bora, Maryellen Donnelly and Dennis Timberman.

2. Public Comment

Kathy Donahue shared information.

3. New Business

Responses to letters sent to legislators included one from the aide to Senator Gadkar-Wilcox of the 22<sup>nd</sup> district, Representative Kevin Brown of the 56<sup>th</sup> district, and Senator Heather Sommers of the 18<sup>th</sup> district.

The committee reviewed HB 7167, HB 5001 and SB 860. Public hearings will be held on 7167 and 5001 on March 12.

**HB 7167** AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION FUNDING introduced by Education Committee

**HB 5001** AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY AND DELIVERY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT introduced by Education Committee

**SB 860** AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR EASTCONN introduced by Senator Heather Somers.

4. Action Items and Next Steps

Dennis will reply to letter(s) received. Committee members will contact legislators regarding the three bills, particularly Senator Gordon who supports provisions to hold towns harmless in ECS grants. At the March 10 meeting, Maryellen will make available contact information for education and appropriation committee members and information about SB 860, HB 5001 and HB 7167 and how they relate to the three action items approved by the BOE. Committee members will continue to monitor bills.

The next meeting will be held at 11:00 AM in the HES Library/Media Room on Thursday, March 20.

5. Other Business

None

6. The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly