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CHAPLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Joint Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

Chairperson Lisa Rose called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Present were Chaplin Board members Annemarie Burnham, Stephanie Harrington, Rachel O’Neill and John Bolduc; Hampton Board members John Burnham, Dan Savino, Rose Bisson, Catherine Wade and Ann Gruenberg. Administrators present were Interim Superintendent Ken Henrici, Principal Dan White and Hampton Superintendent/Principal Marsha Willhoit.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Lisa Rose welcomed Board members from Chaplin and Hampton in a joint meeting to open up communications to discuss ideas for shared services.

3. DISCUSSION OF EDUCATION OPTIONS:

Board members offered the following suggestions to share services to reduce costs:

- Empower the Superintendent to establish a collaborative agreement so that students from Hampton could attend Chaplin and vice versa to avoid having to split a class (Hampton is committed to splitting K-3 and this year has one 4th grade class of 26)
- Offer Summer School and Saturday Academy and involve the community
- Share Transportation
- Share Special Teachers between the schools (could be difficult due to collective bargaining agreements, could be done with an MOU)
- Consider offering a Foreign Language
- Look at trends in declining enrollment
- Sharing Professional Development (presently being done through the Curriculum Committee and enrichment)
- Share purchasing power for heating, electricity, maintenance, snowplowing, landscaping (use local gardeners)
- Establish a joint committee of both boards for further discussion and invite Scotland to join

Hampton will go into high gear to pursue options after the vote for dissolution. Discussion was held on the feasibility to add on to the elementary school.

The Boards will have another joint meeting after the elections and referendum.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (7:55 PM) was made by John Burnham, seconded by Rachel O’Neill and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk