

**East Hampton
Board of Education
East Hampton, CT 06424**

MINUTES: August 21, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff at 6:36 p.m. in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Mr. Goff, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Sones and Ms. Bonaccorso

Members absent: Ms. Villa, Ms. Devin, Ms. Williams and Mr. Bushey

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager
Mr. Mosier, Director of Support Services & Pupil Personnel
Ms. Briere, Interim Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Dalton, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Sullivan, Principal of Center School
Mr. Gonzalez, Principal of Memorial School
Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial School

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mr. Fidler.

3. Liaisons
 - 3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None
 - 3.2 Labor Union Representative - None
 - 3.3 Update from Principals & Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Ms. Clark noted that the summer has been busy. Hiring took place over the summer. We are now preparing for Convocation and the High School is getting ready for the NEASC review.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that his time at Memorial School has been great and will be even better with the kids back.

Mr. Sullivan noted that it's been a pleasure working with Mr. Gonzalez.

Ms. Briere noted that freshman orientation is Thursday night. The High School looks beautiful and is ready for the start of school.

4. Audience of Citizens
Shawn Percy referenced the governor's budget cuts to the towns and asked what the Board of Education will be cutting and what is this going to cost the tax payers? Mr. Percy also asked how high the supplemental tax bills will be?

Mr. Goff noted that the Board doesn't have those answers at this time.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 June 20, 2017 minutes

5.2 Disability Leave (as stated in 13.1)

Motion by Ms. Bonaccorso, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voted Yes – Mr. Goff, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Bonaccorso, Mr. Bushey

Abstained – Ms. Sones

Motion carried.

6. Public Forum on Memorial Tribute to John Fidler

Mr. Goff noted that that there's been a lot of discussion on how to remember Mr. Fidler. We will not be making a decision tonight. We want to do this correctly and appropriately.

A discussion followed. Listed below are suggestions:

- Name the T-Bell after John.
- Name the Gym after John.
- Name the Athletic Field Complex after John.
- Have a scholarship for John. (This is already going on. In fact, over \$15,000 has been collected.)
- Street to School named after John – The John Fidler Way or John Fidler Path.
- Rename North Maple Street after John.
- Rename the High School – The John Fidler Memorial East Hampton High School
- Class of 2015 would like to purchase a memorial bench and plaque.
- Ms. Bonaccorso noted that she wouldn't have a problem renaming the street.
- Maryann Dostaler noted that it is an incredible tribute to Mr. Fidler but encouraged doing so with the least financial way possible.
- Tom Cordeiro noted that he's so proud of the high school and what it has become. We came this far in no small part to Mr. Fidler. It is with a heavy heart that this discussion is taking place. Mr. Cordeiro noted that he submitted a petition regarding the renaming of East Hampton High School in John Fidler's memory a few weeks ago and received overwhelming support. Unfortunately the website that hosted the petition also enabled those outside of East Hampton to sign, so the numbers ended up being very skewed. In the weeks, since he noticed a number of posts about the "expensive costs" associated with renaming the school. Mr. Cordeiro noted that first of all, he will only support renaming if it is supported by the Fidler family. Also, as a graduate of EHHS, he never wanted to change our identity. I just want to provide appropriate respect and honor for the driving force of the renovation. Mr. Cordeiro's interest is in renaming the school "John Fidler Memorial East Hampton High School". No change to uniforms, colors, etc. I believe that due to John's tireless efforts in getting the renovation completed, his name should be on the building as a lasting tribute. He looks forward to the discussion at the Board of Education meeting tonight at 6:30pm at EHHS to listen to how others in the community feel about this issue. I am sure that working together with the Fidler family, the Board of Education and the community, we can come up with a tribute that is worthy of all that John did for East Hampton.

- Bob Hine, 19 Birchwood Road, noted that a scholarship has already been started in John's name.
- Kaitlin Sullivan-Freimuth noted that \$15,600 has been collected so far for the scholarship.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Representative –

Mr. Smith noted that Kristin Whitney and Hannah Balda are the new High School Student Representatives to the Board of Education.

7.2 Personnel Committee

Mr. Goff noted that two contracts will be reviewed later in tonight's meeting.

7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee - None

7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse noted that Board of Education did a good job negotiating with Dattco.

7.5 Liaison Reports

- LEARN

Mr. Goff noted that he is on the building committee for Learn. He also noted that schools are no longer mandated to use a regional calendar. Mr. Smith noted that it makes sense that superintendent's get together and put a calendar together.

- High School Building Committee

Ms. Briere noted that the High School building project punch list is being worked on. Mr. Smith noted that there is a bypass system in place for water fountains and the kitchen. This prevents us from having a permanent solution to the copper levels. This seems to be a good remedy.

Mr. Smith noted that Mr. Maniscalco, Town Manager, froze funding for the safety laminate project encompassing ground floor glass at the Memorial School, Center School and Middle School. The freeze on this expenditure, which had been approved with an increase by the Board of Finance, came in the form of a memo dated August 18. A discussion followed.

8. Communications

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- Ribbon Cutting

September 8th is the High School ribbon cutting ceremony. There will be a soccer game at the High School that same day as well as the Building committee and students giving tours. Mr. Smith reviewed activities planned for that day.

- CABA Convention

Contact Ms. Smith if you would like to attend.

- Middletown Adult Education

Mr. Smith noted that the district pays for East Hampton citizens to take Middletown Adult Education classes. As of now we have approximately 9 people participating in Middletown Adult Education. Mr. Smith noted that he will begin advertising these offerings to increase enrollment in these classes.

- Update on Chromebook Lease
We now have 456 Chromebooks on lease for students in grades 9-10. After 4 years you own the Chromebook for \$1. They are approximately \$215 each.
- Bus contract
We are just waiting for a few details on the bus contract but the buses will be running for the 1st day of school.
- Update on town Hall Project
The Town Hall Building Committee will hold a forum on Tuesday, Aug 29th for the Town Hall Building project. If you have any questions or concerns please attend this meeting.
- Thursday, August 24th at 9:00 a.m. is the new teacher orientation.
- Convocation is Thursday, August 28th at the High School. Breakfast will be served from 8-9:00 a.m. and Convocation begins at 9:00 a.m.

8.2 Anticipated Enrollment

8.2.1 Mr. Smith reviewed the anticipated enrollment numbers for the Board.

We've had 7 or 8 new families that we had to do residency checks. A discussion followed.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Special Education Update – Rodney Mosier

9.1.1 Mr. Mosier updated the Board on the new hiring. He noted that less than 1% are outplaced. By November we had 19 students move into the district that were already identified as needing special services. The Star Program will help us more effectively educate students. The Smart Start Grant for full day Preschool and will be populated with students that wouldn't attend a preschool. This program is income based for 60% of the students. We can have up to 18 students in this program.

A discussion took place on the new insurance plan that all unions other than the Teachers union moved to. Ms. Asetta reviewed the savings for the Board.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Hampton Board of Education and the East Hampton Custodians and Cafeteria Workers

Motion by Ms. Bonaccorso, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Hampton Board of Education and the East Hampton Custodians and Cafeteria Workers. Voted unanimously.

10.2 Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Hampton Board of Education and the East Hampton Paraeducators

Motion by Ms. Bonaccorso, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Hampton Board of Education and the East Hampton Paraeducators. Voted unanimously.

11. New Business - None

12. Future Business

Mr. Smith noted that at the next meeting you will meet some of the people we will be recognizing at convocation. You will also review the 2017-18 district goals and building goals.

Mr. Smith noted that Jodi Davis and Jocelyn Morise chose East Hampton Public School to do their internship for becoming a superintendent.

13. Personnel Actions

13.1 To grant Christina Amaral's request for Maternity Leave commencing on approximately November 27th through approximately six weeks after the birth of her child.

14. Audience of Citizens

14.1 Nancy Oakley, questioned when the Chromebooks were approved and when the Town Manager froze the Capital budget. She is disturbed that the safety lamenant has been put on hold.

Maryann Dostaler questioned how the Capital freeze was communicated to the Superintendent and the Board? Mr. Smith noted that he received an email from the Town Manager. Ms. Dostaler stated that it's concerning that these funds are being frozen when the High School project is being completed and coming in under budget. So much can be learned from the success of this structure.

15. Calendar of Events as attached.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Williams
Secretary
CW/PS/rs

Dates to Remember

East Hampton High School

- Aug. 24: Freshman Orientation, 6:30 p.m. @ the High School
Fall Athletics Start
- Sept. 7: Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Ribbon Cutting Celebration, 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9: ACT's
- Sept. 12: Senior Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15: Underclassmen Pictures
- Sept. 16: High School Crew Regatta at Lake
- Sept. 20: Washington Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26: Financial Aid Night
- Sept. 25-29: Senior Portrait, 2-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27: Band to Big E

East Hampton Middle School

- Aug. 25: Ice Cream Social for Grades 6 & New Students, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Middle School
- Sept. 6: Cross Country & Soccer Tryouts
- Sept. 11: Sports Parent Meeting (Cross Country @ 4:00 p.m. & Soccer @ 5:00 p.m.)
- Sept. 12: Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Picture Day
- Sept. 22: Pantherfest, 3:00- 10:00 p.m.
Student Council meetings begin

Center School

- Aug. 28: Welcoming Event for Grade 4 Students, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Band Jam for instrument students, 4-6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14: Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15: Picture Day
- Sept. 21: Gr. 4 Summer Reading Celebration, TBD
- Sept. 22: Gr. 5 Summer Reading Celebration, TBD
- Sept. 25: PBIS Kick Off Assembly, TBD
- Sept. 29: Jog-A-Thon

Memorial School

- Aug 29: Kindergarten Meet & Greet Bus Ride/Parent Orientation, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
PK-3 Sneak Peek Self-Guided Tours, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19: Grades PK, K & 1 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Grades 2 & 3 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 22: PTO Jog-A-Thon, TBD
- Sept. 26 & 27: Fall Pictures with Ted Morton Photography

Districtwide

- Aug. 21: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the High School T-Bell

Aug. 24: New Teacher & Staff Orientation, 9:00 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria
Aug. 28: Convocation for Teachers & Staff, 8:00 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria
Aug. 28 & 29: Professional Development for teachers & staff
Aug. 30: 1st Day of School
Sept. 4: Labor Day – No School
Sept. 5: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the High School T-Bell
Sept. 18: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the High School T-Bell