

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

MINUTES: January 29, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Mr. Goff, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Villa, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Bushey, and Ms. Caldwell

Members absent: Ms. Amtmanis and Mr. Lambert

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager
Mr. Rizzuto, Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Lehmann, Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Mr. Kissinger, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Mr. Sullivan, Principal of Center School
Mr. Gonzalez, Principal of Memorial School
Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial School

East Hampton High School Student Board Representative: Kristin Whitney

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

Ms. Clark noted that she is looking forward to presenting the new smart start preschool program at the February 5th Board meeting. She is in the process of preparing for assessments in the spring for English Learners. The Professional Development & Evaluation Committee is looking at new evaluation platforms. The committee has reviewed three different products and will bring their recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Rizzuto noted that the new semester began on Tuesday. This past Friday was Bellringer Day. A plaque was unveiled along with the street signs in honor of John Fidler. He also noted that the VFW Teacher of the Year is Cristin Flannery.

Mr. Lehmann noted that the Middle School is wrapping up with diagnostic testing with I-Ready. Go Math is also going well. At the February 5th Board meeting two Middle School students will be recognized for the Peace Poster Contest. Next week is start with hello week.

Mr. Sullivan noted that approximately seventy Center School students will be performing in the Lion King. The Invention Convention is on February 7th from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Center School Gym. Students will be participating in Reading for the Love of It. Will Myers will be a guest reader on Friday.

Mr. Gonzalez noted that staff and students are focusing on kindness and caring. The soap drive brought in 136 bars of soap. Kindergarten classes are putting together a welcoming committee.

4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
5.1 January 16, 2018 minutes

Motion by Ms. Villa, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voted unanimously.

6. Student/Staff Recognition
6.1 Recognition of Bennett Pellegrino, a High School student, for winning the district and state level award for the Voice of Democracy contest.

Motion by Mr. Bushey, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to move agenda item 8 Interactive Budget Workshop to item 7. Voted unanimously.

7. Interactive Budget Workshop
Mr. Smith reviewed the Budget Calendar for the Board. He noted that the Board of Education will present their budget to the Board of Finance on Monday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the T-Bell.

Mr. Smith presented the Green, Yellow, and Red Tier totals.
Mr. Goff stated that the Board of Education is not eliminating teaching positions but are not filling vacancies caused by retirements. Mr. Smith noted that to get to the 3.35% increase we are below contractual obligations.

Ms. Clark and the Principals reviewed the 2018-19 Budget Requests that are presently in the budget and also requests not in the budget, but under consideration.

A discussion followed.

Beth Sheeley asked what the current class sizes are and what the results will be if there is a reduction. Class sizes were discussed.

Tania Sones asked how do we maintain the integrity of the East Hampton Public Schools and why should students/parents want to stay here. Once a position is cut it is so difficult to put the position back in the budget.

Ines Venetianer questioned what East Hampton's most valuable investment is. We want to keep students in the district and not have them go to magnet schools. We need to maintain our class sizes. How much money does it cost the district for the students that go to magnet schools? Is there any way to reach out to the magnet students' parents to find out why they chose to send their children elsewhere.

Joseph Smith, an East Hampton High School student, noted that a wide range of courses is important. Having electives and advanced placement courses is important.

Ms. Kuck, stated that if the High School lost a Math teacher it would desecrate the Math department. Ms. Kuck urged the Board to look at and provide opportunities to students that want to take advantage of the rigor.

Kristin Whitney, an East Hampton High School student, noted that if the Board cuts advanced placement classes and a student wants to go into the medical field they will be held back.

Ms. Barmasse noted that she would like to see a clear sense of what each department looks like and what it can look like with eliminations.

Mr. Goff noted that next week the Board will need to go through each of these items in order to meet the March 1st deadline. If you have any questions or recommendations please send them to Mr. Smith.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 High School Student Representative Kristin Whitney reported the following:

Boys Basketball

- 16 January @ Coginchaug
 - FR Boys - W 51-41
- 19 January @ Haddam-Killingworth
 - Varsity - W 94-43
 - JV - W 59-35
 - FR - W 61-45
- 20 January vs. Morgan
 - FR - L 49-69
- 23 January @ Old Saybrook
 - Varsity - W 64-53
 - JV - W 47-28
- 26 January @ North Branford
 - Varsity - W 49-31
 - JV - W 66-44

Girls Basketball

- 16 January @ Cromwell
 - Varsity - L 30-65
 - JV - L 27-58
- 19 January vs. Haddam-Killingworth
 - Varsity - W 51-29
 - JV - W 45-17
- 22 January vs. Old Saybrook
 - Varsity - W 42-30
 - JV - @ 29-22
- 25 January vs. North Branford
 - Varsity - L 31-34
 - JV - L 35-42 (OT)

Indoor Track

- 20 January - Shoreline Conference Coaches Invitational

- 26 January - Shoreline Conference Meet #2

7.2 Personnel Committee

Mr. Goff noted that the Personnel Committee has not met.

7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee

Mr. Smith noted that the Policy & Curriculum Committee will meet February 5th.

7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse noted that the Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6th. There will be a Capital meeting February 7th.

7.5 Liaison Reports

- LEARN – Ms. Barmasse noted that she did not attend the Executive Learn meeting.
- High School Building Committee – Mr. Smith noted that the next meeting will be the third Thursday in February.

9. Communications

9.1 - Budget Policy Statement and Budget Calendar

- Budget 2018-19: Total of each Tier
- Budget 2018-19: Principals' Presentation
- Enrollment Projections Update
- Budget 2018-19 Discussion

10. Program Presentation - None

11. New Business - None

Motion by Ms. Villa, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to enter executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Bushey, to exit executive session at 8:35 p.m.

12. Discussion and possible action on Board vacancy. The Board may enter Executive Session for the discussion.

- 12.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Bushey, that upon taking the oath of office Nancy Oakley be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Erika Bonaccorso and to serve out the remainder of her term. Voted unanimously.

13. Future Business

14. Personnel Actions - None

15. Audience of Citizens

16. Calendar of Events as attached

17. Adjournment

17.1 Motion by Ms. Villa, seconded by Mr. Bushey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarod Bushey
Secretary
JB/PS/rs

Dates to Remember

East Hampton High School

- Jan. 26: Bellringer Day, Dedication of the John Fidler Way at EHHS 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 31: Grade 8 High School parent planning night, High School, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7: Project Graduation, High School Library, 6:30 p.m.

East Hampton Middle School

- Jan. 26: 8th Graders visit East Hampton High School
5th Graders visit East Hampton Middle School
- Jan. 31: Grade 8 High School parent planning night, High School, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2: PBIS Assembly
7th and 8th Grade Dance, EHMS Commons
- Feb. 7: Middle School PTO meeting, 6:00 p.m. in room 118 at Center School
Combined meeting with Elementary PTO at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7: 8th Grade Band and Chorus trip to Wolf Pack

Center School

- Jan. 26: Grade 5 Visit to Middle School
- Feb. 7: Elementary PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Center School
Invention convention, 5:30 – 6:15, Center School Gym
- Feb. 9: PTO Brain Show, Memorial School Cafeteria
- Feb. 12: CAS Art Awards at Aqua-Turf
- Feb. 13 -15: Newton in a Nutshell visits Gr. 4
- Feb. 13: Eli Whitney Museum visits Gr. 5

Memorial School

- Feb. 7: PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Center School
- Feb. 9: PTO Brain Show in the Memorial School Cafeteria

Districtwide

- Jan. 29: Special Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the High School PLC Room
- Jan. 29: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., High School T-Bell
- Feb 5: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., High School T-Bell
- Feb. 19 & 20: District Recess
- Feb 21: Late Arrival for Students
- Feb. 26: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., High School T-Bell

