

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

**MINUTES: February 5, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff, at 6:33 p.m. in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members absent: Mr. Lambert

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Mosier, Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel  
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager  
Mr. Rizzuto, Principal of East Hampton High School  
Mr. Dalton, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School (arrived at  
6:38 p.m.)  
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 (arrived at 7:08  
p.m.)

3. Liaisons
- 3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None

3.2 Labor Union Representative - None

3.3 Update from Principals & Director of Curriculum & Instruction - None

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bushey and Mr. Goff are not available to attend that meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the meeting scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.

4. Audience of Citizens - None

5. Consent Agenda
- 5.1 January 29, 2018 minutes

**Motion by Ms. Villa, seconded by Mr. Bushey, to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Voted unanimously.**

## 6. Student/Staff Recognition

6.1 Recognition of Alex Sones, a Middle School student, for winning the Peace Poster Contest.

6.2 Recognition of Sydney Blyler for receiving the Peace Poster Recognition.

It was noted that all of the posters are on exhibition at the Public Library for the month of February.

6.3 Recognition of Erica Bonaccorso for serving on the East Hampton Board of Education. Ms. Bonaccorso noted that she will miss everyone and she enjoyed every minute of serving on the Board. We have one of the best school systems in Connecticut. Our town is going to make history someday.

## 7. Committee Reports

7.1 High School Student Representative Kristin Whitney reported the following:

### Boys Basketball

- 30 Jan vs. Coginchaug
  - Varsity - W 87-47
  - JV - 52-46
- 31 Jan vs. Coginchaug
  - FR - W 52-35
- 3 Feb vs. Cromwell
  - FR - L 42-54
- Record
  - Varsity: undefeated (14 total)
  - JV: 8 wins, 4 losses
  - FR: 5 wins, 6 losses

### Girls Basketball

- No games since last meeting
- Home game tonight vs. Old Lyme HS
- Records
  - Varsity: 11 wins, 5 losses
  - JV: 9 wins, 5 losses

### Indoor Track

- 3 Feb → Shoreline Conference Championships

## 7.2 Personnel Committee

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

## 7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee

Mr. Carlson noted that the Policy & Curriculum Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting.

## 7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse noted that the Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Capital meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## 7.5 Liaison Reports

- LEARN – Ms. Barmasse noted that there is a meeting this Thursday.
- High School Building Committee – Mr. Smith noted that the next meeting will be the third Thursday in February.

## 8. Smart Start Preschool

Ms. Clark noted that this year we started our first year of Smart Start Preschool. It's funded by a five year grant. Ms. Clark introduced Ms. Gibson, the preschool teacher and noted that she is a very dedicated teacher.

Mr. Gonzalez noted that he is thrilled with the Smart Start Preschool Program.

Ms. Gibson thanked all who helped make this program a possibility. Smart Start preschool is a grant opportunity offered by the State of Connecticut. The purpose of the grant is to provide children with greater access to high quality preschool programs. Ms. Gibson gave an overview of the Smart Start Preschool Program for the Board.

## 9. Communications

### 9.1 Superintendent's Report

#### - Interactive Budget Workshop

Mr. Smith reviewed the Budget driver reductions to get to 3.35% budget increase and also to get below a 3.35% budget increase. Mr. Smith noted that at the next meeting the Board will have to vote on a budget to send on to the Town.

Mr. Goff noted that he supports World Language starting early. He would like to keep the Math teachers and the World Language program. His concern is the Board of Finance. There is a proven need for the Math teacher and a justification for the World Language program.

Dr. Ochterski noted that the elimination of a position in the Science Department could lose all electives or makes a change in approximately 90 minutes a week. Mr. Rizzuto noted that students won't have as many electives to try in other areas.

Mr. Goff asked if the Board wants to keep the World Language and the Science position. We are looking at a 3.73% increase if we keep the Science Teacher and the Math Teacher.

Ms. Barmasse suggested eliminating World Language grades 3-5 and keeping the Math and Science teachers.

Ms. Amtmanis noted that she supports the paraprofessional positions. A discussion followed.

Ms. Oakley questioned the 10 month assistant principal at the Middle School. Mr. Smith noted that the position should be a 12 month position.

Ms. Kuck spoke regarding eliminating electives and keeping the Science and Math teachers at the high school. We are a small school. As we are eliminating electives we are shrinking choices. Doesn't support the World Language teacher for grades 3-5.

Mr. Goff noted that the Board will vote on the budget at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. If you have any questions or comments please send them to Mr. Smith prior to that meeting.

Mr. Smith noted that he will get the exact increase for the Board.

10. Program Presentation – None

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business - None

13. Future Business - None

14. Personnel Actions - None

15. Audience of Citizens

Ms. Donna Goodspeed noted that she was very touched by two teachers sending her updates on her daughter.

16. Calendar of Events as attached

17. Adjournment

17.1 Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarod Bushey  
Secretary  
JB/PS/rs

## **Dates to Remember**

### **East Hampton High School**

Feb. 7: Project Graduation, High School Library, 6:30 p.m.

### **East Hampton Middle School**

Feb. 2: PBIS Assembly

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 6:30 p.m. at Center School

Feb. 7: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus trip to Wolf Pack

### **Center School**

Feb. 7: Elementary PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at 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**

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