

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

MINUTES: October 22, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff, at 6:32 p.m. in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members absent: Mr. Bushey

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Mosier, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager
Mr. Rizzuto, Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Warner, Interim Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Lehmann, 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 Representatives: None

3. Liaisons
 - 3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None
 - 3.2 Labor Union Representative - None
 - 3.3 Update from Principals & Director of Curriculum & Instruction
The Principals and the Director of Curriculum & Instruction provided brief updates of current events at their respective schools.

4. Audience of Citizens
 - 4.1 Public Forum: Impact on Schools in Town Referendum #4
Mr. Smith noted that the referendum is tomorrow. Mr. Smith noted that we are wrapping up the town budget hopefully tomorrow and begins the process of submitting the Board of Education budget by March 1, 2019. Mr. Smith reviewed the compromise proposal by the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools. Question #1 approves the budget and #2 makes the transfer in order to hire 2 teachers. There will also be 2 advisory questions – Is the general government budget too high or too low? Also is the BOE budget too high or too low?

4.2 Budget Input: Request from school community for consideration in 2019-20 Budget

Mr. Smith noted that this is the opportunity for the community to suggest/recommend items for the 2019-20 budget.

6th Grade Student – chrome books are important. We need more Language options. For developmental guidance that helps children have a better attitude and accomplish more. We should have longer periods.

Grace Michalowski, 60 Haddam Neck Road, stated that she loves the music program taught in all 4 schools, especially the Choir program. She returns to school every Monday night for Choir practice. Ms. Michalowski requested that a full time choir director be added to the budget. This would get more kids into the music department.

Julien Minnick suggested a full time choir director be added to the budget. Mr. Brown's teaching position is only .8 and the students would benefit if it was a full time position.

Isabella Del Orfano, Barbara Ave., spoke in support of a full time choir director. Mr. Brown and the music program makes her want to come to school.

Victoria Kelpen 11 Oak Knole Road, spoke in support of a full time choir director. She noted that Mr. Brown is a great teacher.

Serenity LaChance, Matthew Lane, spoke in support of a full time music director. She gets to study music theory at her magnet school but East Hampton High School students do not. East Hampton students could take music theory if Mr. Brown's position was full time.

Ethan Valencia, 28 Colchester Avenue, spoke in support of a full time choir director and reviewed possible programs that students could have to the opportunity to take if Mr. Brown's position was full time.

Sharon Owen, 33 White Birch Road, spoke in support of making the .8 choir director position to full time. This will allow additional music programs at the High School. She noted that her daughter Serenity goes to Hartford Magnet School for the music program. She wouldn't have to go to a magnet school if East Hampton had a better music program.

Sherry Bannack, a High School Teacher, spoke in support of the reinstatement of the math teaching position that was eliminated.

Bob Hine, 19 Birchwood Road, spoke of some budget cuts. Mr. Hine noted that he had the opportunity of going to China with the Superintendent and 38 other people. He was surprised to see that 1st grade Chinese students are in English classes. We can't even get foreign language classes available for students in 5th grade. We are now in a rut of trying to get by without what is necessary.

Dr. Joe Ochterski, Science Team Leader at the High School, spoke in support of the AP Biology Textbooks. He noted that 22 additional AP Biology textbooks would cost approximately \$4,014.14.

Brandy Kauffman, East Hampton Football Club, noted that football is not part of the school's budget. If we don't get enough support we won't have a football program. Her son was put on probation due to his grades.

Christin Flannery, 8 Flannery Row, noted that last year's budget cuts eliminated an English Teaching position. Now there are only 5 teachers teaching English. Classes average 25 students or higher. It is almost nearly impossible to work one on one with students to improve their writing skills.

Katie Tietjen, High School Library/Media Specialist, spoke in support of a High School Library/Media Specialist.

Sherry Labowski, K-5 Math and Science Specialist, spoke in support of breaking her position into two positions.

Tania Sones noted that students need to be engaged and teachers need to reach out to students. A substance abuse program is needed in our schools. Chrome books are now the new textbooks. Ms. Sones noted that she really hopes the Board is able to incorporate the chrome books in the schools so that every student could have one.

Amy Ordonez, noted that the Smart Start Preschool Program is an 8 year program and we are presently in the 2nd year.

Mr. Rizzuto requested the following: restore the High School English Teacher and Math Teacher, increase the High School Music Teacher from .8 (PT) to 1.0 (FT), add a High School Cooperative Work Experience Teacher/Coach, new textbooks for AP Biology, Add AP Music Theory, AP Physics and AP Computer Science. Include partial High School Football funding in the Athletic Budget, add a School Resource Office housed at the High School but serving all schools, add an additional High School Security Personnel and upgrades to technology software and upgrades to the High School Auditorium.

Mr. Lehmann requested the following: Restore the Middle School World Language Teacher, Middle School Literacy (Reading) Support Specialist, add a Special Education Teacher, restore the Middle School Library Media Specialist, add Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Coordinator/Supervisor, add a Middle School Math SRBI Tutor/Interventionist, Restore the Middle School Department Head Stipends and an increase to the Middle School Developmental Guidance Program.

Mr. Sullivan requested the following: Add a guidance Counselor and create a STEM-Markspace-Coding Lab.

Mr. Gonzalez requested the following: Add World Language Teacher for Grades 3—5, add Reflex Math Program, restore Memorial School Literacy (Reading) Specialist, add Special Education Teacher to support K-1, add Special Education Teacher to support 2-3, add Memorial School Math SRBI Tutor/Interventionist, add Data Team Leaders and Grade Level Team Leaders and add "Foundations" K-1 Phonics Program
Mr. Mosier requested that a Board Certified Behavior analyst (BCBA) be added.

Ms. Clark requested the following: increase Curriculum writing K-12, enhance Professional Learning/Development, PK-12, add additional AEDs to all schools and add Emergency Trauma Response Kits to all schools.

A discussion followed.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 October 9, 2018 minutes

**Motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Oakley, to approve the consent agenda.
Voted unanimously.**

6. Student/Staff Recognition - None

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Mr. Rizzuto gave the following report for the High School Student Representatives.

- **Sexual Assault Assembly**
 - On 10/19 where there was two assemblies
 - The juniors and seniors attend one assembly while the sophomores and freshman attended together
 - Followed up with an advisory
- **Pulsera Project**
 - Just ended and all of the money is now going to be sent to the artist in Nicaragua
- **Homecoming**
 - Was on 10/19
 - It went well and everyone was happy
- **Interact Club**
 - Many members of interact are volunteering to welcome our foreign exchange students at the brunch this upcoming Sunday

7.2 Personnel Committee

Mr. Goff had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee

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

7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse had no report at this time. Mr. Goff asked if there was a volunteer to serve on the Capital Committee. Mr. Lambert volunteered to serve on the Capital Committee.

7.5 Liaison Reports

Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a LEARN meeting on Thursday and gave an overview of that meeting.

8. Communications

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- Growth Mindset Week

This past week was focused on growth mindset. The 19 days stand for the additional learning that a student is able to achieve over the year.

- Budget Timeline

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business - None
11. New Business
 - 11.1 2019-2020 School Calendar (Second Reading)
Motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented by the Superintendent. Voted unanimously.
 - 11.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5113, Attendance (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5113, Attendance. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5113.
 - 11.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5125, Student Records (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5125, Student Records. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5125.
 - 11.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5144, Restraint/Seclusion (First Reading)
This item was tabled so that the Policy Committee can review additional legislative updates.
 - 11.5 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6159, IEP/Special Education Program (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6159, IEP/Special Education Program. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 6159.
12. Future Business - None
13. Personnel Actions - None
14. Audience of Citizens - None
15. Calendar of Events as attached
16. Adjournment
 - 16.1 Motion by Ms. Villa, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarod Bushey
Secretary
JB/PS/rs

Dates to Remember

East Hampton High School

- Oct. 19: Semi Formal
- Oct. 26: Super Hero's
- Oct. 27: ACT's
- Oct. 30: Senior Photos, 2-8:00 p.m.

East Hampton Middle School

- Oct. 29: Boys & Girls Soccer Night Games
- Oct. 31: Halloween Bash
 - Wear Halloween costumes to school
 - 7th Grade select students go to Diversity conference in Middletown
 - Cross Country League Meet
- Nov. 12-16: Book Fair to coincide with Parent Conferences
- Nov. 14: PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14: 8th Grade Band & Chorus trip to Wolf Pack
- Nov. 16: 7th & 8th Grade Dance sponsored by Student Council
- Nov. 16: PBIS Assembly
- Nov. 14 & 15: Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Release

Center School

- Oct. 19: Grade 5 Field Trip to Pequot Museum
- Oct. 19: Book Buddies
- Oct. 22: National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 22: Elementary PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Center School
- Oct. 24: Bus Evacuation Drill
- Oct. 24: Lion's Club Vision Screening
- Oct. 25 & 26: Grade 4 Field Trip to Mystic

Memorial School

- Oct. 22: Elementary PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Center School
- Oct. 22 & 23: Lion's Vision Screenings
- Nov. 19: Magical Monday-Café

Districtwide

- Nov. 6: Election Day/Professional Development – **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 12: Veterans Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 21: **Early Dismissal**