

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

MINUTES: February 25, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff, at 6:35 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. Caldwell and Mr. Carlson

Members absent: Ms. Amtmanis and Mr. Bushey

Administration and others present:

- Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Mosier, Director of Support Services and Pupil Personnel
- Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager
- Mr. Rizzuto, Principal of East Hampton High School
- Mr. Warner, Interim Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
- Ms. Sullivan, Dean of Students & Director of Guidance at East Hampton High School
- Mr. Kissinger, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School
- Mr. Sullivan, Principal of Center School
- Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial School

East Hampton High School Student Board Representative: Ms. Kristin Whitney (joined at 6:57pm)

3. Liaisons
 - 3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None
 - 3.2 Labor Union Representative - None
 - 3.3 Update from Principals and 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
None
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 February 11, 2019 minutes
**Motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Oakley, to approve the consent agenda.
Voted unanimously.**

6. Student/Staff Recognition
 - 6.1 Recognition of Erica Folta, a student at East Hampton High School, for winning the Poetry Out Loud Contest.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1 Student Representatives for East Hampton High School – Ms. Whitney provided updates on recent activities and sporting events at EHHS.
 - 7.2 Personnel Committee - None
 - 7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee
Mr. Smith noted that the Policy & Curriculum Committee did not meet this evening.
 - 7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee
Ms. Barmasse had no report at this time.
 - 7.5 Liaison Reports
Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a LEARN executive board meeting and advised that the LEARN Director is retiring.
8. Communications
 - 8.1 Superintendent’s Report
 - Interactive Budget Workshop
Ms. Asetta provided additional exhibits to address questions posed by Mr. Lambert and Ms. Oakley at the 2/11/19 BOE meeting regarding curriculum investments / supplies & equipment, substitutes and interventionists.

Mr. Smith requested that if any Board members have additional questions please call or email him and he will have the answers for the next Board meeting on 2/28/19.

Mr. Goff asked Board members to confirm attendance at the Thursday, February 28th 7pm BOE meeting at which time the budget vote will be held. The following members confirmed: Mr. Goff, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Lambert, Ms. Oakley, Ms. Caldwell and Mr. Carlson.
 - Review of Town of East Hampton Budget Calendar
 - March 25 Board Meeting and Board of Finance Public Hearing
Motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to cancel the 3/25/19 Board of Education meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

Mr. Goff requested that board members instead attend the Board of Finance meeting scheduled for that evening.
 - Governor’s Budget
Mr. Smith discussed the Governor’s proposed municipal / ECS funding and proposal to require municipalities to contribute to teacher pensions.

9. Program Presentation

- 9.1 East Hampton Graduation Requirements – beginning with the Class of 2023
Mr. Rizzuto presented the proposed new graduation requirements for EHHS.

11. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

- 11.1 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 1325, Advertising and Promotion (First Reading)
Review of recommended Board of Education Policy 1325, Advertising and Promotion. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 1325.
- 11.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4112.5, Security Check / Fingerprinting (First Reading)
Review of recommended Board of Education Policy 4112.5, Security Check / Fingerprinting. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 4112.5.
- 11.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5132, Expectations of Student Dress (First Reading)
Review of recommended Board of Education Policy 5132, Expectations of Student Dress. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5132.
- 11.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6172.3, Homeschooling (First Reading)
Review of recommended Board of Education Policy 6172.3, Homeschooling.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Audience of Citizens

Mr. Bob Hein asked if the Board of Education currently provides any services to homeschooled children. Mr. Smith stated no. Mr. Hein asked if there is a requirement regarding how long a class period must be to qualify as a credit; can we go to 10 periods, for example to allow for more classes? Mr. Smith confirmed that there are no standardized hours per period and 8 periods a day provides for classes as short as they should be.

Ms. Irene Kuck, 11 South Main St., asked Mr. Smith if there had been any feedback from school club / activity advisors regarding the proposed changes to the homeschool policy? As a former club advisor, she expressed concern with having to take on children who are unknown to the school community (behavior, safety, etc.). Mr. Smith advised that the district insurance policy would only allow these children to take part in certain activities – those that take place in the school itself and not offsite. Requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Tania Sones, 17 Curry Ln, stated that the Board should understand that residents and parents will stand behind a responsible education budget that continues to move the district forward. She stated that residents need the BOE to stand behind the budget too. Ms. Sones pointed out that enrollment is down just 18 students compared to several years ago

and yet we are down 6-8 teachers. She stated that the education system is a huge value to the community.

15. Calendar of Events as attached

16. Adjournment

16.1 **Motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Oakley
Acting Secretary
NO/PS/rs

Dates to Remember

East Hampton High School

Mar. 12: Sophomore Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 13: Winter Sports Awards
Mar. 16: Spring Athletics Begin
Mar. 19: Band/Chorus Step Up event
Mar. 22: March Madness
Mar. 26: Art Show
Mar. 28: Cabaret

East Hampton Middle School

Mar. 13: Middle School PTO meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 19: Band/Chorus to EHHS for Step Up event
Mar. 19: Spring Sports Parents Meeting
Mar. 22: March Madness @ EHHS
Mar. 22: 6th & 7th Grade Dance, 7-9:00 p.m.

Center School

Mar. 13 & 14: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
Mar. 19: Band/Chorus to EHHS for Step Up event

Memorial School

Mar. 13 & 14: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
Mar. 19: 3rd Grade Step Up event at EHHS

Districtwide

Mar. 8: Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
Mar. 11: Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the High School T-Bell
Mar. 29: Early Release for Students – Professional Development