

**East Hampton  
Board of Education**

MINUTES: November 13, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Goff at 6:42pm in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Member(s) absent: Mr. Bushey, Ms. Villa

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager  
Mr. Harwood, Director of Facilities  
Mr. Mosier, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel  
Mr. Fielding, Director of Technology  
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 Elementary School  
Mr. Gonzalez, Principal of Memorial Elementary School  
Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School

3. Liaisons
  - 3.1 Inter-board liaisons – none
  - 3.2 Labor union representative – none
  - 3.3 Updates from Principals and Director of Curriculum & Instruction
    - The Principals and Director of Curriculum & Instruction provided brief updates on current events at their respective schools and within the district
  - 3.4 Student Board of Education Representatives
    - Reported on various EHHS activities, events and sports scores
4. Consent Agenda
  - 4.1 October 22, 2018 minutes
    - Motion made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Carlson to adopt consent agenda and move high school student representatives' discussion from agenda item 7.1 to 3.4. Voted unanimously.**
5. Audience of Citizens - none

## 6. Student/Staff Recognition

- 6.1 Samantha Bradley – Dattco bus driver and East Hampton mother / resident honored for her actions to keep students safe after a bus accident
- 6.2 Dave Shulman – East Hampton resident honored as a Good Samaritan who stopped to help at the bus accident. The Shulman family generously donated 2 AED units to East Hampton Public Schools as part of the district's Heart Smart 2020 program.
- 6.3 Jillian Crouch – honored for her professionalism at the scene of the bus accident
- 6.4 Recognition of Research Delegation from Guangdong Province, China
  - Group leader presented with a Bevin Bell and the delegation presented the district with a large scroll in honor of the theme to “never give up”
  - Mr. Goff asked for the delegation's impressions of East Hampton schools.

### Delegation's responses:

- Admired how district sets goals and develops strategies to achieve goals in all buildings
- Cohesive approach in combining curriculum goals with classroom instruction; would like to incorporate into their own schools
- Observed a lot of hands-on activities in classrooms for practical application of knowledge
- Observed many problem-solving opportunities
- Impressed by school administrators and teachers in how they care for their students
- Impressed by the innovation in curriculum and how district is preparing kids for the future – career-ready upon graduation

## 7 Committee Reports

- 7.1 Student Board of Education Representatives
  - See Section 3.4
- 7.2 Personnel Committee
  - Negotiations – currently in arbitration
- 7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee
  - Three second reads tonight (see 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3)
- 7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds – none
- 7.5 Liaison Reports
  - LEARN – executive director to attend BOE meeting on 12/10/18
- 7.6 High School Building Committee – none
- 7.7 Mr. Goff commented that the town's FOIA workshop / presentation for town boards was well-attended by 50+ board members

## 8. Communications

- 8.1 Superintendent's Report
  - “Sharing the Joy” week of 11/19/18 – asking schools to post examples of this on Facebook pages
  - Budget priorities for 2019-20
    - Waiting for principals' requests
    - Mr. Smith sees this as an opportunity to move the district forward with a fiscally responsible budget

- 3 positions posted (Kindergarten, Middle School special education and High School English teacher)
- Classroom safety locks – bid process has begun
- Mr. Goff asked about the EHMS “no cut” winter sport cheerleading and asked if we can hire an assistant coach now based on the large numbers of students to be involved
- **Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Joanne Barmasse, to add an assistant Middle School coach to the cheer team. Discussion followed by vote 5 – 2. Passes.**
- Recognition of Karen Asetta, District Business Manager, on her appointment to Board of Directors of CT Association of School Business Officials.

## 9. Program Presentation

### 9.1 Capital Items: Facilities

- Presented by Director of Facilities Mr. Don Harwood
  - o Capital Improvement Investment Plan for Facilities
  - o Aging infrastructure – town needs to be proactive with ongoing investment and replacement of equipment as needed
  - o Requesting \$220k for capital requests
  - o Town Capital Committee meeting on 11/14/18
  - o Board members invited to tour Center School on 11/19/18 to view building facilities

### 9.2 Capital Items: Technology

- Presented by Director of Technology Mr. Rich Fielding
  - o Infrastructure upgrades have been made at Middle School with federal government reimbursement
  - o Wi-Fi expansion has been made at Center School – units being recycled from old High School at huge cost savings – to be completed by 12/31/18
  - o On 10/30/18 order was placed for teacher laptops and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chromebooks which will be ready just after Thanksgiving break
  - o 5 Year Technology Plan presented

## 10. Unfinished Business

- 10.1 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5113, Attendance (Second Reading)
- **Motion by Ms. Amtmanis, seconded by Ms. Oakley: That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5113 Attendance. Voted unanimously.**
- 10.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5125, Student Records (Second Reading)
- **Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis: That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5113 Attendance. Voted unanimously.**

10.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6159, IEP/Special Education Program (Second Reading)

- **Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Lambert: That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5113 Attendance. Voted unanimously.**

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11. New Business – none indicated

12. Future Business – none indicated

13. Personnel Actions – none

14. Audience of Citizens – none

15. Calendar of Events as attached

16. Adjournment

- **Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Voted unanimously**