

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

**MINUTES: March 9, 2020**

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. Oakley, Ms. Amtmanis (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Mr. Carlson, Ms. Ordonez, Ms. Kohler and Mr. Radavich

Members Absent: Ms. Wick and Mr. Lambert

Administration Present: Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Clark, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Mosier, Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager  
Mr. Verner, Principal of East Hampton High School  
Mr. Warner, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School  
Mr. Lehmann, Principal of East Hampton Middle School  
Mr. Kissinger, Assistant Principal at East Hampton Middle School  
Mr. Sullivan, Principal of Center School  
Mr. Gonzalez, Principal of Memorial School  
Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial School

High School Student Representatives to the Board of Education: Emma Deveran and Robert Balda

3. March Board of Education Recognition Month – On behalf of the district thank you EHBOE for your service to our community.
4. Liaisons
  - 4.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None
  - 4.2 Labor Union Representative  
Mr. Quinn thanked the Board and noted the Board of Finance meeting in 2 weeks.
  - 4.3 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.
5. Audience of Citizens - None

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Oakley, 9.1 to add possible action on field trips.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 February 24, 2020 minutes

6.2 Resignation (as stated in 14.1 & 14.2)

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

7. Student/Staff Recognition

7.1 Recognition of Katie Tietjen, VFW High School Teacher of the Year

7.2 Recognition of Emma Deveran, a High School student, for being the winner of the VFW Voices of Democracy Competition.

7.3. Recognition of Vanessa Naughton, a student at the High School, for being a recipient of the CABA Student Leadership Award.

7.4 Recognition of Noah Gibson, a student at the High School, for being a recipient of the CABA Student Leadership Award.

7.5 Recognition of Delaney Russell, a student at the Middle School, for being a recipient of the CABA Student Leadership Award.

7.6 Recognition of Riley Flatley, a student at the Middle School, for being a recipient of the CABA Student Leadership Award.

7.7 Recognition of Noah Gibson, a student at the High School, for being a recipient of the 2020 Scholar Athlete Award.

7.8 Recognition of Maggie Donohue, a student at the High School, for being a recipient of the 2020 Scholar Athlete Award.

7.9 Recognition of Lauren Menzel, a student at the High School, for being a recipient of the 2020 CAS Art Award.

7.10 Recognition of Grace Michalowski, a student at the High School, for being a recipient of the 2020 CAS Art Award.

The Board of Education took a brief recess for refreshments at 7:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Board of Education Representatives

**Student activities**

- The Sandy Hook promise organization came to our school and had assemblies with all classes, for "Start with Hello" and gave us strategies/tips for building a stronger school community.
- The second blood drive of the school year is scheduled for this upcoming Thursday, March 12th.
- National Honor Society canceled America's Next Top Bellringer because extending it a week did not create more interest.

**Athletics**

- Girls basketball won the Shoreline Championship against Morgan Friday, March 28th. Currently they are in the midst of the State tournament to possibly play for the Class S Championship.
- Boys Basketball lost in the quarterfinals of the Shoreline Tournament, they will be starting to play in the State Tournament tomorrow.
- After his Class S State Championship win, wrestler Dylan Levesque placed 3rd in state opens and then continued to place 6th in New England's for his weight class.

Mr. Verner noted that the High School Cheerleaders won the shoreline championship.

8.2 Personnel - None

8.3 Policy & Curriculum

Mr. Carlson noted that they met prior to tonight's meeting.

8.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds - None

Mr. Smith noted that the Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee met on Friday and discussed Capital.

8.5 Public Relations Sub-Committee

Ms. Ordonez noted that the Public Relations Sub-Committee met today prior to tonight's Board meeting and gave a brief overview of that meeting.

Mr. Goff noted that there is a Public Hearing on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Does the Board want to cancel their March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting or schedule it for after the Public Hearing?

**Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Ordonez, to cancel the Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting so that Board members can attend the Public Hearing. Voted unanimously.**

Mr. Smith noted that the next Board meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April because of April vacation.

8.6 Liaisons Reports

- LEARN – meeting Thursday morning
- High School Building Committee

9. Communications

9.1 Superintendent's Report

- Capital 2020-21

Ms. Oakley noted that she attended the Capital Committee meeting and the overall Capital Improvement Plan was discussed and approved at that meeting. A discussion followed regarding technology and what should be in the Capital Budget and what should be in the Operational Budget.

Mr. Goff asked that this topic be placed on a Finance, Transportation, Building's & Grounds Committee agenda so that they can work on it in the next year or two.

- Board of Finance Schedule

Mr. Smith distributed the Board of Finance schedule to the Board.

- Budget Update 2020-21

We are not adding any teaching positions. We are actually moving people around the district. We want to restore a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and also restore a World Language teacher at the Middle School. This is a crucial restore and not new positions. Mr. Smith also stated that we do not have a declining enrollment.

- Coronavirus Update

Mr. Smith encouraged everyone to read the email that he sent out regarding the Coronavirus. There was a conference call tonight at 5pm with the Governor, Emergency Services and Superintendent's. The state is doing the following: All activities are cancelled if more than 100 people. That means cancelling concerts, plays, etc. Mr. Smith noted that he isn't making that decision yet. We have home basketball games coming up, the Step Up Concert, a musical, etc. The Governor also stated that no state workers are to travel out of state for business. We have 2 out of state field trips that he is considering canceling those trips.

**Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Radavich, to cancel all out of state field trips until the end of the school year. Voted unanimously.**

9.2 Enrollment

10. Program Presentation - None

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Review of the recommended Policy 5142.41, Armed Security Officer 2020 (Second Reading)

**Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Kohler, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5142.41, Standing Committees.**

**Vote Yes – Mr. Goff, Ms. Oakley, Ms. Amtmanis, Mr. Carlson and Ms. Kohler**

**Vote No – Ms. Ordonez and Mr. Carlson**

12. New Business

12.1 Honor roll – High School & Middle School

Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Verner reviewed the Middle School and High School honor roll for the Board.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Verner to meet with the Policy/Curriculum Committee at the end of May or beginning of June for further review.

12.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5112, Ages of Attendance (First Reading)

Review of recommended Board of Education Policy 5112, Ages of Attendance. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5112.

12.3 Review of recommended Policy 5118.1, Homeless Students (First Reading)

**Review of recommended Board of Education Policy 5118. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5118.1.**

13. Future Business

Location of future Board meetings. Possibly alternating between the New Town Hall and the High School T-Bell.

14. Personnel Actions

14.1 To accept, with regret, the resignation of Steven Archibald as a Foreign Language Teacher at East Hampton High School effective June 30, 2020. Mr. Archibald is retiring.

14.2 To accept, with regret, the resignation of Sue Engelhardt as a School Social Worker at Memorial School. Ms. Engelhardt is retiring.

15. Audience of Citizens

16. Calendar of Events as attached

16. Adjournment

16.1 **Motion by Ms. Ordonez, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ordonez  
Secretary  
AO/PS/rs

## Dates to Remember

### East Hampton High School

- Mar. 14: SAT's
- Mar. 14: Baseball Conditioning
- Mar. 17: Music Department Grades 3-12 "STEP UP" Concert
- Mar. 18: Winter Sports Awards
- Mar. 20-22: Drama Production
- Mar. 21: Spring Athletics Begin
- Mar. 25: SAT Day, Junior Class, EHHS
- Mar. 26: Cabaret
- Mar. 30: Art Show
- Mar. 31: Sophomore Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.

### East Hampton Middle School

- Mar. 11: EHMS PTO/HS Prevention Partnership Student VOLLEYBALL Tournament, 2:30-5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 12: Grades 6 & 7 Dance, \$5 or \$4 with donation to EH Food Bank, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17: Music Department Grades 3-12 "STEP UP" Concert
- Mar. 20: MS & HS DRAMA, Little Mermaid, EHHS @ 7:00 p.m.

### Center School

- Mar. 11: Parent Conferences, Early Release for Memorial & Center
- Mar. 12: Parent Conferences, Early Release for Memorial & Center
- Mar. 17: Music Department Grades 3-12 "STEP UP" Concert
- Mar. 18: PBIS Curious Creatures Visit, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 23: PTO Meeting @ Memorial School, 6:00 p.m.

### Memorial School

- Mar. 7: Preschool Expo, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ East Hampton Public Library
- Mar. 9: Scholastic Book Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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- Mar. 17: Music Department Grades 3-12 "STEP UP" Concert
- Mar. 20: PreSchool Registration packets due
- Mar. 23: PTO Meeting @ Memorial School, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 29: Preschool Touch A Truck event
- Mar. 31: Kindergarten Registration packets due

### Districtwide

- Mar. 9: Board of Education Meeting
- Mar. 13: Professional Work – **NO SCHOOL**
- Mar. 23: Board of Education Meeting
- Mar. 23: Board of Finance Public Hearing, School/Town Budget, High School @ 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 27: **Early Release Day for Students** – Teacher's Professional Development