

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

MINUTES: April 27, 2020

1. The Virtual Meeting – ZOOM was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff, at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Goff, Ms. Oakley, Ms. Amtmanis, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Ordonez, Ms. Kohler, Mr. Radavich and Ms. Wick

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 Services
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager
Mr. Verner, Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Warner, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Kissinger, Interim 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

2. Appointment of Middle School Principal, Eric Kissinger effective July 1, 2020
Motion by Ms. Amtmanis, seconded by Ms. Oakley, to appoint Eric Kissinger as the Middle School Principal effective July 1, 2020. Voted unanimously.

3. Liaisons

- 3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons

Mr. Bennington noted that the upcoming public hearing will have no public comment. There will be public comment at the regular Board Finance meeting both at the beginning and end of the meeting.

- 3.2 Labor Union Representative

Mr. Goff read a message from EHEA noting that they appreciate the positive support and resources during this difficult time and that the EHEA supports the Board of Education's budget.

- 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

Melissa Alford noted that she is very much loving the distance learning and stated that the Principals and teachers doing a wonderful job.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 March 9, 2020 minutes

- 5.2 April 6, 2020 minutes
- 5.3 April 13, 2020 minutes
- 5.4 Resignation (as stated in 11.1)
- 5.5 Leave of Absence (as stated in 11.2)

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

6. Communications

6.1 Superintendent's Report

- The cafeteria workers and the custodians are having a positive impact on the community by preparing and providing breakfasts and lunches for children.
- Spoke in regards to possible and virtual activities for the seniors.
- Sounds like we will have a summer of distance learning.
- Mr. Verner is talking with next year's seniors regarding the Washington D.C. class trip. We may be looking at March 2021.
- Update on distance Learning
Ms. Clark reviewed extended distance learning for the Board.

- Budget 2019-20 Update
Mr. Smith noted that when the Board of Finance reviewed the Board of Education's capital request the removed \$100,000 from technology with the understanding that we would pre purchase technology with money left over from this year's budget. Mr. Smith noted that he isn't sure what we will have left over from this year's budget due to unemployment. We will have a savings from DATCO. Between those two things I'm not sure we will have the \$100,000 to buy technology.

- Budget 2020-21 Update
The Board of Finance committee meetings on Thursday and Monday night will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday's meeting has no public comments. Monday's meeting will have public comment at the beginning and end of the meeting. Mr. Smith spoke about stimulus dollars. There are stimulus dollars coming to each state and each state will decide how those funds are divided. We don't get much money for Title I. The priority of this money is to close educational gaps. We may receive approximately \$41,000. Mr. Smith noted that he received a note from a Board of Finance member to encourage the Board of Education to reduce their budget. This request did not go through the Chairman of the Board of Finance. Mr. Smith stated that the budget was created in December & January and was to move our district forward. He is concerned that special education students will have gaps, we won't have the chrome books needed, and we won't have the teachers that we need.

6.2 Enrollment

7. Program Presentation

7.1 East Hampton 2030

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the East Hampton 2030 vision and mission for the Board.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Review of the recommended Policy 5112, Ages of Attendance (Second Reading)

Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Oakley, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy &

Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5112, Ages of Attendance. Voted unanimously.

- 8.2 Review of the recommended Policy 5118.1, Homeless Students (Second Reading)
Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Radavich, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5118.1, Homeless Students. Voted unanimously.

9. New Business

- 9.1 2020-2021 Proposed Board of Education meeting schedule as presented
Mr. Smith noted that once the new Town Hall is open we will check the schedule for the possibility of alternating meetings from the High School T-Bell and the new Town Hall. A revised schedule will be sent out as long as we can televise the Board meeting from the new Town Hall.

Motion by Ms. Amtmanis, seconded by Ms. Kohler, to approve the proposed Board of Education meeting schedule as presented. Voted unanimously.

- 9.2 Proposed List of 2020 High School Graduates
Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to approve the propose list of 2020 High School Graduates as presented. Voted unanimously.

10. Future business

- 10.1 Update on Senior Events (virtual planning, if necessary)

11. Personnel Actions

- 11.1 To accept the resignation of Jason Lehmann as Principal of East Hampton Middle School effective June 30, 2020.

- 11.2 To accept Ashley Labbe's request of a Leave of Absence for the 2020-21 school year as a 1st Grade Teacher at Memorial School.

12. Audience of Citizens

Mr. Hein noted that as a substitute teacher he is looking forward to getting back to working with the students. As a member of the Board of Finance he noted that it is going to be a stressful process with the Budget.

Ms. Kuck noted that this senior class has gone through a lot. They've had 4 principals in 4 years. She thanked the staff for all the care they've given to students.

Ms. Sones thanked the Board for using technology to keep citizens up to date. Thank you.

Entered executive session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board invited Mr. Smith and Ms. Asetta into Executive Session.

13. Anticipated Executive Session

- 13.1 Negotiations Update

14. Adjournment

14.1 Motion by Ms. Ordonez, seconded by Ms. Amtmanis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ordonez
Secretary
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