

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

**MINUTES: June 8, 2020**

1. The Virtual Meeting – ZOOM was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff, at 5:37 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Carlson

2. Anticipated executive session to discuss the performance review of the Superintendent and the extension of the Superintendent's Contract.

Motion by Ms. Kohler, seconded by Ms. Oakley, to invite Mr. Smith into executive session.  
Voted unanimously.

Executive session ended at 6:25 p.m.

The regular session was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

3. Student/Staff Recognition of Retiring Staff

- Steve Archibald
- Jan Merkent
- Sue Engelhardt
- Mark O'Donnell
- Linda Earley
- Linda Malavasi

4. Liaisons

- 4.1 Inter-Board Liaisons

Mr. Hine noted that there was a Board of Finance meeting prior to the Board of Education meeting. The Town Council will review the budget at their next meeting and

will be proposing a 0% increase. The Town Council will vote on the Budget at their Monday night meeting.

4.2 Labor Union Representative

Neil Shilanski noted that he encouraged EHEA members to attend tonight's Board meeting to honor the retirees and also the Town Council meeting to support the budget.

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

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 May 11, 2020 minutes

6.2 May 26, 2020 minutes

6.3 Resignations (as stated in 10.1 & 10.3)

**Motion by Ms. Amtmanis, seconded by Mr. Radavich, to approve the consent agenda.**

**Vote Yes: Mr. Goff, Ms. Oakley, Ms. Amtmanis, Ms. Ordonez, Ms. Kohler, Mr. Radavich, Mr. Carlson and Ms. Wick**

**Abstained: Mr. Lambert**

**Motion carried.**

7. Communications

7.1 Superintendent's Report

- Update on Distance Learning

This is week 13 of Distance Learning.

Summer School will be held in a virtual manner.

We have to open the buildings up for summer recreational programs. Parks & Recreation is the only group to use the Middle School this summer.

There are no guidelines for the opening of school in the fall yet. We will be doing what is safest for our students and staff and the academics need to be strong.

- Budget 2019-2020 Update

As a result of COVID-19, there is a surplus of approximately \$260,000. As a result of meetings with the Town Council, the Board will be purchasing \$100,000 in Chromebooks to be used next year. This purchase will result in a smaller increase in the 20-21 Capital Budget for next year. The schools will purchase \$117,000 in additional software and texts that had been requested as part of the 20-21 budget. This purchase will result in a deduction from next year's budget meaning a smaller increase in the 20-21 Education Budget for next year for our taxpayers. The remainder of the surplus - \$43,000 will be added to the town's fund balance. The shifts in budgeting have added in the Town's goal of creating a budget that results in no tax increase (0.0 mil increase to the taxpayers of East Hampton).

- Mr. Smith applauded the Technology Department for their assistance with the chrome books used for distance learning. He also thanked the Technology Department for getting the new Board of Education office up and running flawlessly.
- Budget 2020-2021 Update
- Mr. Smith noted that the Town Council will vote on a final Town and Education Budget on Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom). The Superintendent reported that the Administrators have agreed to furlough days that will fund the High School's new partnership with RHAM that allows for seniors to participate in a manufacturing internship course leading to immediate employment as part of the state's Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative.

## 7.2 Enrollment

8. Program Presentation - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

10.1 Approval of Non-Affiliated Personnel Compensation

**Motion by Ms. Ordonez, seconded by Ms. Kohler, to approve the Non-Affiliated Personnel Compensation as presented to the Board. Voted unanimously.**

11. Future Business

11.1 End of Year Events

12. Personnel Actions

12.1 To accept Mark O'Donnell's resignation as an English Teacher at East Hampton High School effective June 30, 2020. Mr. O'Donnell is retiring.

12.2 To accept Jan Merkent's resignation as a Special Education Teacher at East Hampton High School effective June 30, 2020. Ms. Merkent is retiring.

12.3 To accept Linda Earley's resignation as a school psychologist at Center School effective June 30, 2020. Ms. Earley is retiring.

13. Audience of Citizens - None

12. Adjournment

13.1 **Motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Kohler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ordonez  
Secretary  
AO/PS/rs