

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

MINUTES: January 17, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff at 7:05 p.m. in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Mr. Goff, Mr. Barber, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Williams, Ms. Bonaccorso, Ms. Sones, Mr. Bushey (left at 8:30 p.m.) and Ms. Devin

Members absent: Mr. Carlson

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Briere, Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Mosier, Director of Support Services & Pupil Personnel
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Lehmann, Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Mr. Sullivan, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Ms. Clark, Principal of Center School
Ms. Wilkie, Principal of Memorial School

East Hampton High School Student Board Representatives: Cassandra Villani and
Emilee Karalus

Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to move agenda item 10.1, East Hampton High School Water Update to 7.6. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to move agenda item 11, Administrative Appointments to 6.2. Voted unanimously.

3. Liaisons

3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None

3.2 Labor Union Representative - None

3.3 Update from Principals & Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Fidler noted that the High School will begin exams this week. He also noted that he was notified by the College Board that East Hampton made the AP Honor Roll.

4. Audience of Citizens - None

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 December 19, 2016 minutes

5.2 Maternity Leave (as stated in 13.1)

5.3 Resignation (as stated in 13.2)

Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Bushey, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Voted unanimously.

6. Student/Staff Recognition

6.1 The Board of Education recognized Richard Storrs, Social Studies Teacher at East Hampton Middle School for his nomination by the National Life Foundation as a 2016-17 LifeChanger of the Year.

Mr. Storrs noted that he does what he does for the kids. It's all about what's best for the kids.

6.2 Administrative Appointments for 2017-18

6.2.1 Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to appoint Mary Clark as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction effective July 1, 2017. Voted unanimously.

6.2.2 Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to appoint Chris Sullivan as the Principal of Center School effective July 1, 2017. Voted unanimously.

Mr. Goff noted that a Yellow Ribbon Ceremony was held at the center of town on January 7th.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Representatives

7.1.1 Emilee Karalus and Cassandra Villani, Student Representatives for East Hampton High School reported the following:

- The second Spirit Week and Winter Pep Rally was held prior to the winter break. The whole week was a huge success with many students participating.
- High School mid-terms begin on Thursday.
- GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) has been selling pride socks this past week to raise money for the club.
- There will be a school dance on February 3rd that is being organized by the Sports Boosters Club.

7.2 Personnel Committee - None

7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee

Ms. Williams noted that the Policy & Curriculum Committee has not met but there is a policy on tonight's agenda for the Board's review & approval.

7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse noted that the Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee met on January 9th and Mr. Smith reviewed his recommendation for the 2017-18 Budget. There was also another meeting with DATTCO and negotiations are ongoing.

7.5 Liaison Reports

Ms. Barmasse attended the Learn meeting and gave an overview of that meeting for the Board.

7.6 East Hampton High School Water Update

The Board was given an update by Colliers (construction management team for the high school building project) concerning the elevated levels of copper in the water. Testing has been done to eliminate stray currents as a cause and one theory is that the new copper piping could be leaching, though that is not a common occurrence in new construction. The building is providing bottled water for drinking. There is a chemical solution system that is being designed if the levels do not come down.

8. Communications

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- 2017-18 Budget Presentation by Superintendent

Mr. Smith presented the 2017-18 Budget. Parents and community members are invited to attend the next two Board meetings on Monday, February 6 and Monday, February 13 to provide commentary and suggestion on the school budget. The complete budget presentation by Mr. Smith will be available online. A hard copy of the budget presentation can also be obtained at the Superintendent's Office. Mr. Smith was hopeful that he could come in with a lower increase but that's not possible at this time. Over the years there have been so many cuts to come in at a lower increase that there is no safety valve left. Budget challenges are special education costs, unfunded mandates, health insurance increases and State funding. Ms. Asetta put together a document that is on our website explaining unfunded mandates that we are required to do and all of them cost a tremendous amount of dollars.

- Center School Boiler Update

Ms. Asetta noted that she attended the Board of Finance meeting and they agreed to approve the funds for the design phase. This now has to be approved by the Town Council.

- Mr. Goff noted that anyone that wants to serve on the building committee should apply no later than January 20th.

- Mr. Smith noted that he was contacted by Regina DellaVolpe to see if any Board member would like to participate in two NEASC committees. This is part of the self-study group for the NEASC accreditation process. Ms. Barmasse noted that she will serve on the New Core Values committee and Ms. Devin will serve on the School Resource for Learning committee.

8.2 Enrollment Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the enrollment for the Board.

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Second Reading of Policy 9221, Filling Vacancies

Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve Policy 9221, Attendance. As reflected in the 12/19/16 recommendations.

Vote Yes – Mr. Goff, Mr. Barber, Ms. Sones, Ms. Bonaccorso, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Williams, Mr. Carlson

Vote No - Deb Devin

Motion carried.

11. New Business - None
12. Future Business
13. Personnel Actions
 - 13.1 To grant Camilla Lewis' request for Maternity Leave commencing on June 6, 2017 through approximately 6-8 weeks after the birth of her child.
 - 13.1 To accept Pamela Peter-Cohen's resignation as a Reading Teacher at Center School effective June 30, 2017. Ms. Peter-Cohen is retiring.
14. Audience of Citizens

MaryAnn Dostaler thanked Mr. Smith for the budget presentation. She questioned the 205 special education students anticipated and how many attend Vinal & other schools.
15. Calendar of Events as attached.
16. Adjournment
 - 16.1 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse
Secretary
JB/PS/rs

Dates to Remember

East Hampton High School

Jan. 19, 20, 23 & 24: Mid-Term Exams, Early Dismissal
Jan. 25: 8th Grade Parent's Night
Jan. 28: SAT's

East Hampton Middle School

Feb. 3: 7th & 8th Grade Dance, 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons
Feb. 10: PBIS Assembly, 1:15 p.m.

Center School

Memorial School

Feb. 17: PTO Brain Show, 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Districtwide

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day – No School
Jan. 17: Board of Education Meeting
Feb. 6: Board of Education Meeting
Feb. 13: Board of Education Meeting (2nd Monday)