

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

**MINUTES: February 28, 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff at 7:07 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, Mr. Carlson, and Ms. Devin

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Briere, Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Mosier, Director of Support Services & Pupil Personnel  
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School  
Mr. Dalton, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School (arrived at 7:23 p.m.)  
Mr. Sullivan, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School  
Ms. Clark, Principal of Center School  
Ms. Wilkie, Principal of Memorial School  
Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial School

East Hampton High School Student Board Representative: Emilee Karalus

3. Liaisons
  - 3.1 Inter-Board Liaisons - None
  - 3.2 Labor Union Representative - None
  - 3.3 Update from Principals & Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Ms. Wilkie noted that Memorial School is celebrating Read Across America this week. Twenty teachers committed to working on an executive function and book study group. There are groups of teachers going to professional development for the Science units in every grade level and four teachers went to CREC for a workshop on purposeful play.

Ms. Clark noted that Center School is also celebrating Read Across America. Teachers are working on team culture. The grade level teams are working collaboratively together and are reflecting on how far they've come and are focused on the power of working together.

Mr. Sullivan noted that there are parent teacher conferences going on at the Middle School.
4. Audience of Citizens - None

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 February 13, 2017 minutes

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition - None

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 girls' basketball team made it to the finals in the Shoreline tournament. They played this past Friday against Cromwell. The tournament was held at Coginchaug. Our girls' team lost 48-36. They played their first game of states yesterday against Litchfield and won.

The boy's basketball team is playing their semi-final game now. If they win that game they will advance on to the finals.

The Spanish Club has been running their annual flower fundraiser for the past week. Students can buy a flower and write a note to their friend and the flowers will be delivered to their friend on February 14.

Our music department just had their Broadway trip where they went to go see Phantom of the Opera. It was just a really good day and all the students really enjoyed the show.

The new band room and music lab are wonderful.

The Spanish Club is putting together a taco Tuesday tomorrow for teachers in the teacher's lounge.

The Rock Climbing Club had their first outing this afternoon and it was a lot of fun and a great thing for people to get involved with.

7.2 Personnel Committee

Mr. Goff noted that Secretarial negotiations began today. It's a great group and he appreciates everything they do.

7.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee

Mr. Carlson noted that the Policy & Curriculum Committee hasn't met but there are policies on tonight's agenda for Board's approval.

7.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse noted that the Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee met on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and reviewed the Superintendent's Recommendation for the 2017-18 Board of Education Budget. The Town Council is meeting tonight and will discuss waiving the bidding process on the bus contract.

## 7.5 Liaison Reports

- LEARN – Mr. Goff noted that there was executive committee meeting last Thursday and that he will be attending the National School Board Association Conference.

- High School Building Committee – Mr. Fidler noted that the move out of the 40's wing is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>. Testing on the water for copper continues. They are designing a system to resolve this problem.

- NEASC – None

## 8. Communications

### 8.1 Superintendent's Report

- Bus Contract – Mr. Smith noted that Ms. Asetta is at the Town Council meeting where they are considering waiving the bidding process for the bus contract.

- Important Dates

Mr. Smith reviewed the important dates for the Board.

## 9. Program Presentation - None

**Motion by Mr. Bushey, seconded by Ms. Sones, to move agenda item 14, Audience of Citizens, to item 9.1. Voted unanimously.**

Ms. Briere noted that Mr. Smith testified in front of the appropriations committee regarding the budget. She encouraged everyone to get involved. This is a very serious situation.

Mr. Jerry Egan, Champion Hill Road, noted that his daughter is in kindergarten and loves Memorial School. He supports the Board of Education budget.

Mr. Richard Storrs, Teacher at the Middle School, thanked the Board for all they do. It is wrong for the students to have too low of a budget. We have to do what's best for the kids.

Mr. Hine, 19 Berkshire Rd., stated that this budget is nowhere near what we need but unfortunately doesn't see how we could get more. This is the best we can do and it will be a struggle to get this passed. He appreciates everything the Board has done.

Mr. Baine, Teacher at Center School stated that he supports the budget as presented. The Board has the EHEA's support.

Mr. Warner, Teacher at the High School, stated that the Governor's budget can destroy what East Hampton has built up. He's afraid that what's going to happen is we can lose the resources and parents may decide to send their children to charter schools and we will lose even more money. He supports the superintendent's recommendation.

Mrs. Venetainer, Berkshire Drive, noted that the superintendent's recommended budget makes sense.

Ms. Bonaccorso asked if magnet schools get cuts will they be charging more? Mr. Smith noted that Magnet Schools can raise their rates. There are a lot of unknowns.

## 10. Unfinished Business

### 10.1 Budget Discussion on the Superintendent's Proposed 2017-2018 Budget

Mr. Smith reviewed the proposed 3.75% increase and a \$1,600,000 contingency line item added to offset uncertainty due to the Governor's proposal.

Mr. Bushey noted that he supports the Superintendent's proposal. We are paying for what we need through retirements. We're trying to be fiscally responsible.

Mr. Barber stated that we don't have much of a choice. Mr. Smith and the Finance Committee did a good job.

Ms. Williams noted that the 3.75% increase is due to maintaining our current budget. We are paying for the added items through retirements. She thanked Mr. Smith.

Ms. Bonaccorso agreed that 3.75% increase is a reasonable request.

Ms. Devin would like to add on the School Resource Officer to this recommendation.

Ms. Barmasse is supportive of the recommended budget proposal. We cannot let the town reduce the 3.75% increase. People need to support this plan.

Mr. Carlson supports the proposed budget. It maintains what we currently have. We can't sustain the loss over and over. We can't let the town knock this request down and people need to support this. He also noted that the \$1,600,000 may not be enough.

Ms. Sones agrees the School Resource Officer would be a huge asset. She would not go below 3.75%.

Mr. Bushey is supportive of the School Resource Office in a future year. His concern is if we don't get 3.75% then we would still be committed to the School Resource Officer and we could lose a teacher.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the \$1,600,000 contingency line item.

**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to approve the Superintendent's 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$ 31,747,971. A discussion followed. Voted unanimously.**

- 10.2 Motion to Remove Board of Education Policy 6172.11, Extraordinarily Student Tuition (Second Reading)

**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee and remove Board of Education Policy 6172.11, Extraordinarily Student Tuition. Voted unanimously.**

- 10.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5145.14, On Campus Recruitment (Second Reading)

**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5145.14, On Campus Recruitment. Voted unanimously.**

- 10.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5145.15, Directory Information (Second Reading)  
**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5145.15, Directory Information. Voted unanimously.**
- 10.5 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.213, Narcan (Second Reading)  
**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5141.213, Narcan. Voted unanimously.**
- 10.6 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.231, Psychotropic Drugs (Second Reading)  
**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5141.231, Psychotropic Drugs. Voted unanimously.**
- 10.7 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.21, Administering Medications (Second Reading)  
**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 5141.21, Administering Medications. Voted unanimously.**

11. New Business - None

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Audience of Citizens - None

15. Calendar of Events as attached.

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Ms. Bonaccorso, seconded by Mr. Barber, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse  
Secretary  
JB/PS/rs

## **Dates to Remember**

### **East Hampton High School**

Mar. 7: Sophomore Parent Night  
Mar. 15: Winter Sports Awards  
Mar. 21: Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Mar. 22-27: Art Display  
Mar. 31: Cabaret Night

### **East Hampton Middle School**

Feb. 28 – Mar. 3: Book fair to coincide with parent conferences  
Mar. 15: EHMS Drama Club Production, 8:30 a.m.  
Mar. 17 & 8: EHMS Drama Club Production – Mulan, 7:00 p.m.

### **Center School**

Mar. 9: Elementary PTO Meeting @ Center School, 3:30 p.m.  
Mar. 13 – 17: Book Fair  
Mar. 14: Early release for Afternoon Parent Conferences  
Mar. 16: Early release for Afternoon Parent Conferences

### **Memorial School**

Mar. 2: Read Across America School Wide Celebration  
Mar. 9: Elementary PTO Meeting @ Center School, 3:30 p.m.  
Mar. 14: Early release for Afternoon Parent Conferences  
Mar. 16: Early release for Afternoon Parent Conferences

### **Districtwide**

Feb. 28: Special Board of Education Meeting  
Mar. 10: Professional Development Day – No School for Students  
Mar. 6: Board of Education Meeting  
Mar. 20: Board of Education Meeting