

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

**MINUTES: March 20, 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. Bonaccorso,  
Ms. Sones, Mr. Bushey, and Ms. Devin

Members absent: Mr. Carlson and Ms. Williams

Administration and others present:

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Briere, Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager  
Mr. Mosier, Director of Support Services & Pupil Personnel  
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  
Ms. Gadoury, Assistant Principal of Memorial School

East Hampton High School Student Board Representatives: Cassandra Villani and  
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. Briere noted that Center and Memorial School raised \$5,429 for the Math-A-Thon.

Mr. Lehmann noted that Pajama Day at the Middle School raised funds for Children's Hospital. There is also a recycling program lead by the Student Council at the Middle School.

Ms. Clark stated that parent-teacher conferences were held last week.

4. Audience of Citizens

Ms. Mary Ann Dostaler, 5 William Drive, commented on the presentation of the Town and Education Budget. The Budget process flow chart has not been changed to reflect bifurcation & various roles in the process.

Mr. Cliff Libby, 26 Hills Avenue, noted his concern with the shoveling of sidewalks & stairs at the High School.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 March 6, 2017 minutes

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition

6.1 The Board recognized John Haley, a Memorial School student, for being a recipient of the CAS Arts Award.

6.2 The Board recognized Sofia Johnson, a Memorial School student, for being a recipient of the CAS Arts Award.

6.3 The Board recognized of Sonja Venetianer for representing the East Hampton Public Schools and testifying at the Appropriations Committee Hearing on February 21, 2017.

6.4 Recognition of Melissa Alford is being tabled until another meeting due to illness.

6.5 Karen Asetta, School Business Manager of the East Hampton Public Schools, was recognized by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) as the recipient of the Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications. Karen was recognized for her work on the EHPS District Budget Book for 2016-17, considered to be the best budget presentation in the State of Connecticut. Lon Seidman, Area 8 Director for CABE, presented the Recognition of the Board of Education for receiving the CABE Communications Award.

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:

- Winter sports banquet & awards
- Spring sports are starting this week
- Our art show starts tomorrow
- The Student Council is planning the last Pep Rally
- EMT & Firefighter volunteers – recognition planning

7.2 Personnel Committee

Mr. Goff noted that Secretarial negotiations are ongoing.

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 - None

7.5 Liaison Reports

- LEARN – None
- High School Building Committee – None
- NEASC – None

8. Communications
  - 8.1 Superintendent's Report
    - Bus Contract – Mr. Smith noted that the Town Council should approve the bid waiver tomorrow night.
    - Budget Update – There will be a Board of Finance Public Hearing on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
9. Program Presentation - None
10. Unfinished Business - None
11. New Business - None
  - 11.1 Discussion and possible action on statement or resolution of legalizing marijuana in the State of Connecticut.

**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, that the East Hampton Board of Education is opposed to the legalization of marijuana.**

**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, that the Board of Education set aside its standard rule of procedure and allow Mr. Olson to participate in discussion. Voted unanimously.**

**Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, that the East Hampton Board of Education is opposed to the legalization of marijuana.**

**Vote Yes – Mr. Goff, Mr. Barber, Mr. Bushey, Ms. Devin, Ms. Barmasse and Ms. Bonaccorso**

**Abstain – Ms. Sones**

**Motion carried.**

- 11.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 3280, Gifts, Grants, Bequests (First Reading)  
**First Reading of the recommended Board of Education Policy 3280, Gifts, Grants, Bequests. Mr. Barber requested that recognized be changed to approve and the Board may reject any donation. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 3280.**
- 11.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4118.14, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities (First Reading)  
**First Reading of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4118.14, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 4118.14.**
- 11.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.27, First Aid/AED (First Reading)  
**First Reading of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.27, First Aid/AED. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5141.27.**
- 11.5 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.28, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention (First Reading)

**First Reading of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5141.28, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention. Ms. Barmasse noted that she is concerned that kids should be taught signs of sudden cardiac arrest. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5141.28.**

11.6 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5145.4, Nondiscrimination (First Reading)

**First Reading of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5145.4, Nondiscrimination. At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 5145.4.**

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 Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Devin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse  
Secretary  
JB/PS/rs

## **Dates to Remember**

### **East Hampton High School**

Mar. 21: Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m.

Mar. 22-27: Art Display

Mar. 23: March Madness District Faculty Basketball Games, School vs. School

Mar. 31: High School Music Department Cabaret Night, 6:30 p.m.

### **East Hampton Middle School**

Mar. 17 & 18: EHMS Drama Club Production – Mulan, 7:00 p.m.

Week of Mar. 20: EHMS Baseball/Softball tryouts begin

Apr. 5: PTO Variety Show, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Apr. 21: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade dance, 7-9:00 p.m.

Apr. 28: PBIS Assembly

### **Center School**

Mar. 13 – 17: Book Fair

April 6: Elementary PTO Pasta Dinner, Memorial School

### **Memorial School**

Mar. 28: Parents of Future East Hampton Students Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (childcare available)

Mar. 31: Kindergarten registration packets due to office

April 6: Elementary PTO Pasta Dinner, Memorial School

### **Districtwide**

Mar. 20: Board of Education Meeting

Mar. 21: District Art Show & Music Recital, High School, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Mar. 27: Public Hearing, School budget, Board of Finance, Middle School Library @ 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 31: Coffee & Chat w/Superintendent, 94 Main Street, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

April 3: Board of Education Meeting

April 10-14: Spring Recess – No School

April 17: Board of Education Meeting