

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

MINUTES: May 15, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Goff at 6:05 p.m. in the East Hampton High School T-Bell.
2. Anticipated Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation in the PLC conference Room.

2.2 Motion by Ms. Sones, seconded by Ms. Devin, to enter into executive session and invite Mr. Smith to attend. Voted unanimously.

Members present: Mr. Goff, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Bonaccorso, Ms. Sones, Mr. Carlson and Ms. Devin

Members absent: Ms. Williams, Mr. Barber and Mr. Bushey

2.3 The Board exited Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

2.4 The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Goff, at 7:05 p.m. in the High School T-Bell.

3. Pledge of Allegiance
Jake Olivia led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Mr. Goff, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Bonaccorso, Ms. Sones, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Bushey (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Ms. Devin

Members absent: Ms. Williams and Mr. Barber

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
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Dalton, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High 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 Representative: Cassandra Villani and Emilee Karalus

4. Liaisons
4.1 Inter-Board Liaisons

Patience Anderson, Chairperson of the Town Council noted that Cathy Sirois sent out an email regarding a possible Tri-Board meeting to go over budget information on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the location to be determined. Mr. Goff asked Board members to let us know their availability.

4.2 Labor Union Representative - None

4.3 Update from Principals & Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Ms. Briere noted that 60 science teachers participated in the consortium and all the feedback has been positive.

Mr. Fidler just wrapped up the AP testing. The NEASC evaluation will take place next March. We just had several productive committee meetings. We feel like we are in good shape.

Ms. Wilkie welcomed the class of 2030 for kindergarten registration. Also PS parent orientation. Writing celebration next week. Drop in on the 24th.

Ms. Clark noted that the 3rd grade will visit Center School on Friday. Thursday parents of 3rd graders are invited to attend Center School. May 24th is the 4 & 5th grade band concert.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the Smarter Balanced testing was completed last week. There are a lot of end of year events going on. The 8th grade class has their semiformal on Friday.

Mr. Goff noted that East Hampton was featured on the Channel 3 20 Towns in 20 Days. Mr. Dalton and the High School Crew Team also received a \$1,000 donation.

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Sones, to add agenda item 12.6, motion to accept the resignation of a Board member.

5. Audience of Citizens

5.1 Mary Ann Dostaler, 56 Mary Ann Drive, there seems to be a willingness to move the budget forward.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 May 1, 2017 minutes

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Ms. Devin, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voted unanimously.

7. Student/Staff Recognition

7.1 Recognition of Barbara Sargent for being the recipient of the CAS Volunteer Recognition Award.

7.2 Recognition of Neha Sidana, a Center School student, for winning the Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest – country winner.

7.3 Recognition of Leah Kohler, a Center School student, for receiving the CAS Art Award.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Representative

7.1.1 Cassandra Villani, Student Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

- The Senior Capstone Expo is this Thursday at 6:00.
- NHS talent show was this past Thursday at the High School.
- Last week wrapped up AP testing for juniors and seniors.
- Prom is this Saturday for juniors and seniors
- The Spring sports awards banquet is scheduled for June 2nd.

8.2 Personnel Committee

Mr. Goff noted that dates are set for negotiations with the Custodian/Cafeteria & Paraprofessional bargaining groups.

8.3 Policy & Curriculum Committee

Mr. Carlson noted that there are first read and second read policies on tonight's agenda for the Board's review and/or approval.

8.4 Finance, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee

Ms. Barmasse noted that the Finance/Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee has not met.

8.5 Liaison Reports

- LEARN

Mr. Goff noted that the next meeting is June 8th.

- High School Building Committee

Mr. Fidler noted that the major work is scheduled to be completed on time.

Graduation will probably be held out back on the soccer field so that the setting sun won't be in everyone's eyes.

9. Communications

9.1 Superintendent's Report

- Budget Update

Mr. Smith reviewed the impact of operating without a budget and reviewed the list of positions reduced. He noted that NESDEC projected 112 kindergarten students and we are already at 140 kindergarten students. Mr. Smith noted that he cannot put this district in the position of just moving forward if we don't have a budget in place and then having to make cuts in a couple of months. He encouraged everyone to continue writing to Representative Ziobron and the Governor regarding the budget cuts. There is a tentative tri-Board meeting scheduled for May 22nd. The Town Council will meet on May 23rd and will hopefully set a date for the referendum.

Option 2 is the Town Council doesn't set a budget and we have to operate without a budget then we have potential reductions as a result of the budget not passing.

A discussion followed.

- Bus Contract

Mr. Smith noted that negotiations are ongoing with DATTCO and we should know something within the next few weeks.

9.2 Enrollment Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the May 1, 2017 enrollment for the Board.

10. Program Presentation - None

10.1 Presentation on 8 Period Day

John Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School, reviewed the 8 period days for the Board and answered questions.

10.2 Genius Hour

Ms. Katie Tietjen, Ms. Cristin Flannery and Ms. Trish Seeley reviewed Genius Hour for the Board. The Senior Capstone Project challenges students to demonstrate and display mastery of the skills acquired while attending East Hampton High School. Celia Bosso reviewed her project for the Board. She noted that she wrote to soldiers to hear about their experience. Momhand Husseini reviewed his project The Unseen Afghanistan for the Board.

Mr. Fielding reviewed the 1 to 1 technology program at the High School and the Middle School for the Board and answered questions.

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6141.32, Computer Literacy (Second Reading)

Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 6141.32, Computer Literacy. Voted unanimously.

11.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6141.321, Computers: Acceptable Use of the Internet, Other Computer Networks and Internet Safety (Second Reading)

Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 6141.321, Computers: Acceptable Use of the Internet, Other Computer Networks and Internet Safety. Voted unanimously.

11.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6141.321 Appendices (A and B) and Forms 1, 2, 3 (Second Reading)

Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Bonaccorso, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 6141.321 Appendices (A and B) and Forms 1, 2, 3. Voted unanimously.

11.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6141.323, Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering Access to Electronic Networks (Eliminate – Redundant) (Second Reading)

Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and eliminate Policy 6141.323, Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering Access to Electronic Networks. Voted unanimously.

11.5 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4118.51, Social Networking Websites – Regulation (Second Reading)
Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee and approve Policy 4118.51, Social Networking Websites – Regulation. Voted unanimously.

12. New Business

12.1 Board approval for the 2018 Trip to China

Motion by Ms. Devin, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the 2018 Trip to China. Voted unanimously.

12.2 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 1316, Conduct on School Property (Civility) (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 1316, Conduct on School Property (Civility) (First Reading). At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 1316.

12.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4116, Probationary/Tenure Status (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4116, Probationary/Tenure Status (First Reading). At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 4116.

12.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4117.4, Dismissal/Suspension (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 4117.4, Dismissal/Suspension (First Reading). At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 4117.4.

12.5 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6172, Alternative Education Programs (First Reading)
Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 6172, Alternative Education Programs (First Reading). At the next meeting we will recommend the approval of Policy 6172.

Mr. Goff read a letter of resignation from Mr. Kenneth Barber. Mr. Goff noted that he would like to follow the Board of Education policy for filling the Board of Education vacancy.

12.6. Motion by Ms. Bonaccorso, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to instruct the Superintendent to announce and advertise in the Riverast News Bulletin the vacancy of the Board of Education seat term to go through November 2019 . The deadline to apply is May 26th. Interviews will begin on May 30th at 6:00 p.m. Voted unanimously.

13. Future Business

14. Personnel Actions - None

15. Audience of Citizens

Jamie Krasnitski, a parent of a 2nd grader, encouraged the Board to use appropriate age language when requiring students understand and follow the computer rules.

16. Calendar of Events as attached.

17. Adjournment

17.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Bushey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse
Secretary
JB/PS/rs

Dates to Remember

East Hampton High School

- May 11: Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.
- May 18: Senior Capstone Expo, 6-8:00 p.m.
- May 20: Grand March & Junior/Senior Prom
- May 23 & 24: Honors Breakfast, 7:35 a.m.
- May 25: Senior Awards Night, 5-9:00 p.m.
- May 26: Senior Picnic

East Hampton Middle School

- May 10: Incoming 6th Grade parent's orientation, 6:30 p.m., coincides with PTO meeting
- May 11: Make-up SBAC testing date
- May 11: Spring Concert, 1:20 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- May 16: Field Trip, Band/Chorus perform at New Britain Bee's game
- May 18: Grades 6, 7 & 8 Band & Chorus travel to Center School
- May 18: EHMS Staff Appreciation Breakfast (sponsored by student council)
- May 19: 8th Grade Semi-formal Dance
- May 19: 6th Grade Field Trip to Mystic Aquarium
- May 26: EHMS Memorial Day Observance
- May 29: EHMS Band marches in East Hampton Memorial Day Parade

Center School

- May 17: Grade 4 State Capital trip (part 1)
- May 18: Middle School band/chorus to Center School to visit Grade 5
- May 23: Spring concert at Center School, matinee performance
- May 23: Millstone Grade 4
- May 23: Grade 4 State Capital trip (part 2)
- May 24: Spring Concert at the High School, 6:30 p.m.
- May 25: Author Visit
- May 25: TAP Awards, 4:00 p.m.
- May 26: PTO Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.
- May 30: Millstone Grade 4

Memorial School

- May 17: PTO Mother's Day Tea, 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 22 – 26: Writing Celebration Week
- May 26: Author Visit with Jarrett Krosoczka for PreK-3

Districtwide

- May 12: Professional Development Day – No School
- May 29: Memorial Day – No School
- June 19: Last Day of School & Graduation