

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

MINUTES: October 22, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia at 6:34 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.
2. Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to enter Executive Session in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center at 6:34 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to negotiations. Voted unanimously.

Members present: Mr. Laraia, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and Mr. Minnick (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Members absent: Mr. Barber

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools

- 2.1 The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.

Members present: Mr. Laraia, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo and Ms. Lane

Members absent: Mr. Barber

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Dalton, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
Ms. Briere, Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Mr. Lehmann, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School
Mr. Discordia, Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Inter-Board Liaisons - None
5. Audience of Citizens
 - 5.1 Mr. Jonathan Miller, 27 Tarragon Drive, noted that he is speaking on behalf of a group of concerned parents whose children are students in Mrs. Halvorson's 2nd grade class and that the group of parents believe that there is a significant safety risk in that classroom.
6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1 October 9, 2012 Minutes
- 6.2 Disability Leave (as stated in 14.1 & 14.2)

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Voted unanimously.

7. Student/Staff Recognition - None

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Council - None

8.2 Personnel Committee

- 8.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the tentative agreement with the Administrators was reviewed in executive session prior to tonight's meeting.

8.3 Policy Committee

- 8.3.1 Mr. Reich had no report at this time.

8.4 Curriculum Committee

- 8.4.1 Ms. Barmasse had no report at this time.

8.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

- 8.5.1 Mr. Gemma noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting and reviewed the Memorial Elementary School roof update, the progress of the High School Renovation project, the Center School parking lot update, the Center School sidewalk request, the 94 Main Street update and the renovation to the playgrounds at Memorial and Center Schools.

8.6 Financial Reports - None

8.7 Liaison Reports - None

9. Communications

9.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the following communications for the Board:

- The Board & Administrator, October 2012.
- A letter to Mr. Maniscalco regarding the Teacher's Contract (October 10, 2012).
- A memo to the Building Committee Members regarding State Reimbursement rate for school construction (October 9, 2012).
- Dr. Golden noted that she just returned from an ASCD trip to Brussels and will give an overview of that trip in December.

10. Program Presentation

10.1 CMT, CAPT, SAT and AP Presentation

- 10.1.1 Ms. Hardacker noted that the 4th generations of the CMT and the 3rd generation CAPT were administered in the spring of 2012 with the results provided to schools in July, 2012 to use in the instructional planning, goal setting and school improvement planning. The SAT and AP assessment results have also been received by the school system. Mrs. Hardacker, Mrs. Connor and Mr. Fidler shared the results of these assessments and discussed the instructional and systemic implications for the Board.

Mr. Marshall asked how many AP courses do we offer and what universities give credit for those classes?

10.2 Summer School Update

10.1.1 Mrs. Hardacker noted that this past summer the East Hampton Public Schools offered an "At Home Summer School Program" to 260 students. The students received instructional materials based on data collection in reading and math. A parent meeting was held to review and distribute the materials. The goal of the program was to prevent students from losing ground in academics over the summer months. LuAnn Hardacker and Clive Connor updated the Board on the "At Home Summer School Program".

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Update on the Superintendent Search

11.1.1 Ms. Barmasse updated the Board on the Superintendent's search process.

12. New Business

12.1 Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the East Hampton Board of Education and the Administrators' Association

12.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the negotiated Bargaining Agreement with the East Hampton Board of Education and the East Hampton Administrators' Association, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 as recommended by the Board of Education Personnel Committee. Voted unanimously.

12.2 Discussion regarding the possible adoption of a standard practice that whenever a Board member raises a question that generates a legal opinion from the Board attorney, such written opinion will be immediately communicated electronically or on paper to the Board member who raised the question.

12.2.1 Mr. Marshall noted that he asked a question and received a verbal summary, but after receiving a written response he interpreted the answer/attorney's opinion differently. Mr. Marshall requested that all legal opinions should be provided to the Board in writing.

Mr. Laraia noted that this matter should be referred to the Policy Committee to research how it is handled by other districts. If anything is referred to the administrators or the attorney then that request should be in writing as well.

13. Future Business

13.1 Mr. Laraia reminded the Board at that next Board meeting is on Tuesday, November 13th.

14. Personnel Actions

14.1 To grant Sarah Beckwith's request for a disability leave commencing on approximately February 21, 2013 through approximately six weeks after the birth of her child.

14.2 To grant Maryssa Edele's request for a disability leave commencing on approximately December 27, 2012 through approximately six weeks after the birth of her child; and an extended childrearing leave through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

15. Goal Report - None

16. Audience of Citizens

16.1 Mr. Kevin Dewhurst, 20 Tarragon Drive, asked how parents will be communicated with regarding the concerns parents have with the 2nd grade classroom.

Mrs. Caroline Gordon, 348 Old West High Street, stated that she went to Central Office and nothing was done regarding her concerns with a 2nd grade classroom.

Ms. Kim Crumb noted that she went Central Office regarding her daughter who is in 2nd grade being strangled by another student and she isn't satisfied with their response.

17. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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