

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

MINUTES: October 9, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairperson, Ms. Barmasse at 6:35 p.m. in the Memorial Elementary School Music Room.
2. Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Lane, to enter Executive Session in the Memorial Elementary School Music Room at 6:36 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to negotiations. Voted unanimously.

Members present: Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber.

Members absent: Mr. Laraia, Mr. Gemma and Mr. Marshall

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools

- 2.1 The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by the Acting Chairperson, Ms. Barmasse, at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Elementary School Music Room.

Members present: Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

Members absent: Mr. Laraia, Mr. Gemma and Mr. Marshall

Administration Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools

Present: Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Margaret Lehmann

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Inter-Board Liaisons
 - 4.1 Mr. Csere noted that the School Building Committee has a big job on their hands and they are doing a great job.
5. Audience of Citizens – None
6. Consent Agenda
 - 6.1 September 24, 2012 Minutes

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

7. Student/Staff Recognition - None

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Council

8.1.1 Margaret Lehmann, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

This week is spirit week. Today was pajama day, Wednesday will be college apparel, Thursday is strictly business, and Friday will be class colors. Then Friday afternoon we will have our first pep rally. Today the seniors had their panoramic done. The girl's volleyball team has a game tonight. The boy's soccer team has a game against Old Lyme tomorrow. Then the girls have a game against Old Lyme of Thursday. The girl's volleyball team has a pink game on Friday where everyone wears pink to support breast cancer for breast cancer awareness month. Saturday the Football team has a game against Cogenchaug. Friday there is an art field trip to Trinity College to go see a sand mandala that is being created by Tibetan nuns.

8.2 Personnel Committee

8.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee negotiated a contract with the Teachers and Administrators. The tentative agreement with the Teachers was reviewed in executive session prior to tonight's meeting and the Administrators contract will be reviewed by the Board in executive session at the next Board meeting.

8.3 Policy Committee

8.3.1 Mr. Barber noted that the Policy Committee met October 2, 2012.

8.4 Curriculum Committee

8.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee has not met but Mr. Fidler will review Teacher Data Teams and Professional Learning Communities later in tonight's meeting.

8.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

8.5.1 Mr. Barber noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee is presenting to the Town Council tonight the High School renovation project.

8.6 Financial Reports

8.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that there is a financial report included in the Board packet.

8.7 Liaison Reports

8.7.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a LEARN Executive Committee meeting and gave a brief overview of that meeting.

9. Communications

9.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of October 1, 2012.

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

- Dr. Golden noted that the Senior Washington trip went well. Mr. Fidler gave a brief overview of the trip for the Board.
- Dr. Golden noted that she is leaving for an ASCD trip to Brussels on Wednesday, October 10th.

10. Program Presentation - None

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 Education Association
 - 12.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the negotiated Bargaining Agreement with the East Hampton Board of Education and the East Hampton Education Association, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 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 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Lane, to delete this item until the next Board meeting. Voted unanimously.
 - 12.3 Teacher Data Teams and Professional Learning Communities
 - 12.3.1 Mr. Fidler noted that there has been a need to find time for teachers to meet in collaborative data teams as they continue their work at becoming a true professional learning community. In each of the four schools we have been moving towards becoming true professional learning communities district-wide for several years now. At the high school level, we have utilized the late opening days, faculty meeting, and department meeting time to accomplish the many tasks involved in being a true professional learning community. We are at the point of needing to move to the next level and have a plan for procuring the necessary time for data teams to be able to collaborate and make improvements to instruction. Dr. Golden noted that without teacher learning we won't have better student learning. A discussion followed. Maggie Lehmann noted that she will speak with the Student Council regarding the possibility of setting something up to occupy students for one hour in the morning. Mr. Fidler noted that he will be preparing a letter to be sent home with students.
 - 12.4 Approval of the Model United Nations Club Trip to the University of Connecticut
 - 12.4.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the Model United Nations Club participation for the University of Connecticut Conference as recommended by the Principal and Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously.
- 13. Future Business – None
- 14. Personnel Actions - None
- 15. Goal Report - None
- 16. Audience of Citizens - None
- 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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