

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

**MINUTES: November 26, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia at 6:15 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.
2. Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Ms. Lane, to enter Executive Session in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center at 6:15 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to an interim Superintendent, a student issue and a staff issue. Voted unanimously.

Members present: Mr. Laraia, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and 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 7:15 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, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

Administration Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools

Present: Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Margaret Lehmann

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Inter-Board Liaisons
5. Audience of Citizens - None
6. Consent Agenda
  - 6.1 November 13, 2012 Minutes
  - 6.2 Disability Leave (as stated in 14.1)

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, 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:

All fall sports start this week. All homerooms have been assigned a child from the ABC women's shelter to collect clothes and toys for Christmas. After the collection ends we will have a wrapping party to wrap all the presents, which will then be sent to the shelter for Christmas. This Friday the student council is holding a blood drive. All students and faculty above the age of 17 are encouraged to participate. Next Thursday is the senior dinner that will be held at the Glastonbury country club.

## 8.2 Personnel Committee

- 8.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to interview for an interim superintendent.

## 8.3 Policy Committee

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

## 8.4 Curriculum Committee

- 8.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee will meet on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 8.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

- 8.5.1 Mr. Gemma noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds have not met. He also noted that there was a meeting regarding communications to do with the High School renovation project and to discuss the role of the Building Committee and how the Board of Education and the Building Committee can work together. Mr. Gemma gave an outline of the process and noted that the architect and CREC will attend the January 28, 2013 Board of Education to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Mr. Minnick noted that he is concerned that the specs will be drawn up January 24<sup>th</sup> and then the architects will meet with the Board of Education January 28<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Board to invite the architect and CREC to attend a Board of Education workshop on January 14, 2013.

## 8.6 Financial Reports

- 8.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the Finance Committee, met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed some initial thoughts regarding the budget. The Finance Committee will meet again in December. Ms. Lane also noted that she will contact Mrs. Dostaler to begin work on a brochure for the budget.

## 8.7 Liaison Reports

- 8.7.1 Mr. Minnick noted that he attended a CABE workshop and gave a brief overview of that meeting.

## 9. Communications

- 9.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the following communications for the Board:
- An invitation to the Board of Education's Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.
  - Dr. Golden noted that the Personnel Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to interview three candidates for an interim superintendent.
  - Dr. Golden noted that the new teacher evaluation process is a very rigorous and time consuming.

- Dr. Golden noted that the Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School.

10. Program Presentation - None

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Update on Superintendent's Search

11.1.1 Ms. Barmasse updated the Board on the Superintendent's Search.

11.2 Discussion of busing for after school activities

11.2.1 Dr. Golden noted that the current after school bus services is limited to the Middle School only. This information was requested by a Board member to explore after school buses for both the Middle School and the High School. She noted that operating the late bus 2 days per week requires approximately 65 daily runs per year. To provide better service to the Middle and High School students by increasing the runs to 2 buses on these days would increase the cost to \$123,849 in the 2013-2014 (98.84 per day x 65 days x 2 vehicles). It is not advisable to add this extra expense at this time. The budget is very tight and we have set priorities. Kids carpool and arrange rides with parents. A discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Barber, second by Ms. Lane, to send out a simple survey at the Middle School and the High School for the next budget year.

Vote Yes – Mr. Laraia, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

Vote No – Mrs. Barmasse and Mr. Marshall

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Minnick, to start the after school activity bus at the High School two days a week, Monday and Wednesday, starting when the administration says so.

Vote Yes – Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mrs. Barmasse, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo and Ms. Lane

Vote No – Mr. Laraia and Mr. Barber

Motion carried.

12. New Business - None

13. Future Business

14. Personnel Actions

14.1 To grant Sheri Labowski's request for a disability leave commencing on approximately January 27, 2013 through approximately six weeks after the birth of her child; and an extended childrearing leave through March 22, 2012.

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 8:27 p.m.  
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane  
Secretary

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