

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

MINUTES: January 31, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.

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

Members absent: Mr. Gemma

Administration Present: Mr. Winzler, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Operations Manager
Ms. Asetta, School Business Manager
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton High School

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Margaret Lehmann

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None
4. Audience of Citizens - None

Motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Minnick, to move agenda item 11.1 Possible Election of Superintendent of Schools to Future Business.

Vote Yes – Mr. Marshall and Mr. Minnick

Vote No – Mr. Laraia, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

Motion failed.

5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 January 14, 2013 Minutes
 - 5.2 Resignations (as stated in 13.1 – 13.3)

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition - None
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1 Student Council
 - 7.1.1 Margaret Lehmann, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

Last week the high school began a “back to first semester day”. The day after our last exam we returned to our first semester classes to get our grades on our exams. Before this, students would either have to ask their teacher for their grades or they would have to wait for their progress report to come out. Tonight there is a girl’s basketball game against Old Lyme, starting at 7:30. Tomorrow night there is a boy’s basketball game against Old Lyme, also home starting at 7:30. Tomorrow the student council has planned for our second blood drive this year. Saturday boys and girls indoor track will be competing in the shorelines tournament.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Barber had no report at this time.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

7.4.1 Ms. Barmasse had no report at this time.

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee - None

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Mr. Laraia noted that the budget will be presented tonight.

7.7 Liaison Reports - None

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Update on High School Renovation Project

10.1.1 Amy Christmas and Glenn Gollenberg, representatives from SLAM, the architectural firm and Jim Giuliano, Project Manager from CREC, both of whom work for and with the Building Committee were present to help the Board begin the process of putting together some general “Ed Specs”.

8. Communications

8.1 Mr. Winzler reviewed the following communications for the Board:

- Teacher and Administrator evaluation process update.
- Security meeting update.
- Mr. Winzler noted that he and the administrators have been working on the budget.
- Mr. Winzler noted that he met with Senator Art Linares regarding security.
- The sentencing of former teacher Mr. Hendricks and the aftermath. Mr. Winzler reviewed the steps he took in minimizing disruptions within the schools.
- Updated the Board on surveying parents regarding a late bus. Mr. Winzler stated that the Middle School has conducted the survey and the High School will send a survey out to parents soon.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Presentation of the 2013-2014 Budget

9.1.1 Mr. Winzler presented the Superintendent’s Budget for the 2013-2014 school year and recommended that the Board consider this budget at the budget workshops. Mr. Winzler requested that Board members send him any questions that they may have regarding the budget prior to the Monday, February 4th budget workshop.

11. New Business

11.1 Possible Election of Superintendent of Schools

- 11.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to elect Diane Dugas as the Superintendent of Schools for the East Hampton Board of Education to serve a term of three years beginning July 1, 2013 with the annual salary of \$162,000 and that the Board Chair be authorized to negotiate the details of the Superintendent's employment contract.

Mr. Piteo thanked Mr. Winzler for his assistance in serving as the Interim Superintendent while the Board goes through the process of electing a new Superintendent. Mr. Piteo reviewed the extensive process that the selection committee went through in order to recommend a candidate as the new Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Minnick stated that he will support this nomination and will be voting yes for Diane Dugas but noted that his yes vote is coupled with his disappointment and disapproval with the Board's unwillingness to discuss further questions and additional information obtained from site visits. It's unfortunate that the Board didn't agree to have one more meeting to discuss this matter and clear up any questions that may remain.

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

Vote No – Mr. Marshall

Motion carried.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions

- 13.1 To accept Joyce Weybright's resignation as a Science Teacher at East Hampton Middle School effective June 30, 2013.
- 13.2 To accept Rosemary Helveston's resignation as a Science Teacher at East Hampton Middle School effective June 30, 2013.
- 13.3 To accept Barbara Carso's resignation as a Social Studies Teacher at East Hampton Middle School effective June 30, 2013.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

- 15.1 Mr. Joe Langenfeld, President of the Friends of East Hampton Football, stated the following:

The Friends of East Hampton Football parent group would like to thank the Board of Education and the East Hampton School Administration for their ongoing support of the EHHS Football program co-op with Vinal Tech. As we enter our fifth year of fundraising, we have raised approximately \$80,000 to date in the most difficult financial times our generation has faced. The Pay to Play fees from Parents and Players have totaled approximately \$20,000 to date, which has been set at \$400 per player per year. These amounts are eye opening and would not have been possible without the generosity of the community, local businesses, and the dedication of our organization. If you had asked me back in January of 2009 after I left the Board of Education meeting when the program was approved, if our organization would succeed, I would have told you that I have faith we will. For me personally, failure was not an option, and faith has taken us a long way. As we

look back at these numbers now, we are realizing it is hard to maintain these levels, especially as the original players graduate. We must educate the parents of the new players on the history of our mission and enlist those willing to dedicate themselves to carry this cause forward. One last note of operation, we have never turned away a player if the player fee could not be paid.

This year we are requesting your help in funding the program. Please consider allocating \$7,000 for the Fall Season of 2013 to EHHS Football which will cover approximately 43% of our busing costs, approximately 22% of our total program cost for the season.

The board's investment will not only have a positive impact on the football players, but will also provide opportunity for our cheerleaders and band members through their participation and positively impact the entire student body through school spirit. It provides all participants the incentive to remain academically eligible for sports which helps overall academic school performance ratings. Additionally, these programs provide critical learning and team building outside the classroom and help students become much more well rounded; an added benefit for students seeking opportunities for college recruitment and college scholarships. Lastly your commitment, will help ensure the program will continue for the elementary and junior high school players and cheerleaders participating in the East Hampton Hawks youth football program.

In closing, we have faith the board will embrace the EHHS Football program with much needed additional support.

On behalf of the EHHS football student athletes and their parents, I would like to thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with us on this important funding initiative.

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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