

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

**MINUTES: February 25, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 7:04 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.

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

Members absent: Mr. Coolican

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  
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

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Margaret Lehmann

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Ms. Lane, to add agenda item 11.1, Approval of Employment Agreement for the Superintendent of Schools to tonight's agenda. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to move agenda item 10.3 to 7.8 on tonight's agenda. Voted unanimously.

3. Inter-Board Liaisons

- 3.1 Mr. Csere noted that the Board of Finance will hold a special meeting to discuss the High School renovation project.

4. Audience of Citizens

- 4.1 Ms. Jessica Stewart, Viola Drive, spoke in support of the implementation of all-day kindergarten for all of East Hampton's children.

Mr. David Gates, Bear Swamp Road, spoke in support of an additional choral teacher at the High School. The High School has a great music program and he believes it could be successfully expanded.

Ms. Jen Palma spoke in support of full day kindergarten.

Ms. Karen Wanat, Long Crossing Road, spoke in support of full day kindergarten.

Kerri Zmeskal, Hog Hill, spoke in support of full day kindergarten.

Staci Soracchi, Emily Lane, spoke in support of full day kindergarten.

David Gates, Bear Swamp Road, spoke in support of expanding the English Department at the High School.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 January 31, 2013 Minutes
- 5.2 February 4, 2013 Workshop Minutes
- 5.3 February 7, 2013 Workshop Minutes
- 5.4 February 12, 2013 Workshop Minutes
- 5.5 Resignations
- 5.6 Childrearing Leave
- 5.7 Approval of the Model United Nations Club Trip to the University of Massachusetts
- 5.2 Resignations (as stated in 13.1 – 13.3)

Motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Lane, 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:

Tonight girls varsity basketball has an away game at St. Bernard's. Tomorrow boys varsity basketball has their shoreline conference semifinals, and on Friday the finals. Saturday both boys and girls indoor track compete in New England's. These will be the final events for winter sports this year. Next Week, March 5th, the freshmen begin the practice CAPT and the sophomores begin the CAPT testing.

7.2 Personnel Committee

- 7.2.1 Mr. Barber noted that the Personnel Committee will be involved with wage reopeners for the Secretarial, Paraprofessional and Custodial/Cafeteria bargaining groups.

7.3 Policy Committee

- 7.3.1 Mr. Barber requested that the Policy Committee meet to review the Bring your own device policy.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

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

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

- 7.5.1 Mr. Gemma had no report at this time.

7.6 Financial Reports

- 7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the Board held a budget workshop prior to tonight's Board meeting.

7.7 Liaison Reports

- 7.7.1 Mr. Laraia noted that he attended the Winter Concert and it was great.

Mr. Marshall noted that he attended the Middlesex Chamber Breakfast meeting with Senator Blumenthal & the Energy Forum on February 25<sup>th</sup> and gave a brief overview of that meeting.

- 7.8 Discussion and Possible Action on the endorsement of the East Hampton High School “Renovate As New” Building Project as recommended by the Building Committee
- 7.8.1 Mr. Winzler noted that the High School building project will benefit all kids including the youngest. This is the first step before going to the referendum. The Board will still need to go over the Ed Specs and that will be done at a later date. Glenn Gollenberg, representative from SLAM, the architectural firm and Jim Giuliano, Project Manager from CREC, both of whom work for and with the Building Committee were present and reviewed the “Renovate as New” building project for the Board.
- 7.8.2 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to endorse the East Hampton High School “Renovate as New” Building Project as recommended by the Building Committee. Voted unanimously.

8. Communications

- 8.1 Mr. Winzler reviewed the following communications for the Board:
- The Board & Administrator, February 2013.
  - Mr. Winzler noted that he and Mr. Laraia spoke at a reception honoring Gail Hamm for her service as State House Representative.
  - Mr. Winzler noted that he, Mr. Reich, Mr. Maniscalco, Mr. Jylkka have been meeting on the Capital Budget and it is completed in draft form at this time.
  - Mr. Winzler noted that he attended a Middlesex Consortium meeting and reviewed teacher & administrator evaluation plans which need to be submitted to the State Department of Education by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mr. Winzler noted that he has been busy attending every Building Committee meeting.
  - The Board will begin negotiations with three bargaining groups.
  - Snow had to be removed from 3 school roofs & we are waiting for the bills.
  - Mr. Laraia commended Mr. Winzler, Mr. Reich and the staff for all their hard work in getting the school ready after the blizzard.

- 8.2 Mr. Winzler reviewed the student enrollment figures as of February 1, 2013.

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Revision to the 2012-2013 School Calendar

10.1.1 Mr. Winzler noted that there were three days built in for snow/emergency closings at the end of the school year. This year it has become necessary to take four days from April vacation in order to meet the requirements for the 180 day school year. We are proposing that two days of the April vacation remain intact by making the professional development day scheduled for March 1 a regular school day for students. Rather than scheduling another professional development day for teachers after school closes on June 25 (there is already one scheduled on June 24<sup>th</sup>), the day (6 hours) will be made up in 1 (or more than 1) hour segments to be scheduled sometime before the end of the school year. However, should there be more situations which require schools to be closed, then the April 16<sup>th</sup> would be the first day to go and then the 15<sup>th</sup> before adding on to the end of the year.

10.1.2 Motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the 2012-2013 calendar as revised. Voted unanimously.

10.2 Discussion and Possible Action on the Proposed 2013-14 Board of Education Budget

10.2.1 Mr. Winzler reviewed the budget process for the Board. A discussion followed.

10.2.2 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the 2013-2014 Board of Education Budget which represents a 5.19% increase.

Vote Yes – Mr. Laraia, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Gemma,  
Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

Vote No - Mr. Piteo

Motion carried.

11. New Business

11.1.1 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Employment Contract for the new Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously

12. Future Business

12.1 Mr. Barber requested that the board discuss sending out a survey to see why the district is losing students to magnet schools.

13. Personnel Actions

13.1 To accept Joan Mastromonaco's resignation as a Social Studies Teacher at East Hampton High School effective June 30, 2013.

13.2 To grant Stacey Vasquez a disability leave commencing on approximately April 16, 2013 through approximately six weeks after the birth of her child.

13.3 To grant Kelly Reynolds a disability leave commencing on approximately May 16, 2013 through approximately eight weeks after the birth of her child.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

15.1 Ms. Karen Wanat, Long Crossing Road, reviewed what the PTO does for the schools.

Mr. David Gates thanked the Board for listening to parents concerns and appreciates the Board's support.

Mr. Joe Langenfeld, President of the Friends of East Hampton Football, thanked the Board for their work on the budget.

Mr. John Fidler, Brookside Court, thanked the Board for supporting the High School building project and their courage in supporting the budget to move the Town forward.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane  
Secretary

CL/MLW/RS