

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

MINUTES: March 11, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center.

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

Members absent: Mr. Barber

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

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Margaret Lehmann

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Laraia noted that Mrs. Diane Dugas, new Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2013 is in the audience tonight.

3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None

4. Audience of Citizens – None

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 February 25, 2013 Minutes

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

This past weekend the cheerleaders competed in their states, placing sixth. Tomorrow and Wednesday are our last CAPT days. There was a crisis with the senior prom. It was supposed to be at La Renaissance, but it went into foreclosure. Our class officers Ms. Oliva and Mr. Demick luckily booked

Maneeleys in South Windsor for the same date as before, May eleventh. Spring Sports start next week.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee is engaging in negotiations with three bargaining groups. There will be a strategy meeting on Wednesday.

7.3 Policy Committee - None

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 Mr. Laraia noted that the Board of Education will present their budget to the Board of Finance on Friday, March 15th at the Town Hall.

7.7 Liaison Reports

7.7.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that there is a LEARN meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Coolican noted that he attended a State Board of Education meeting and spoke regarding the 180 day requirement for student attendance but he isn't hopeful that they are going to budge on the matter.

8. Communications

8.1 Mr. Winzler reviewed the student enrollment figures as of March 1, 2013.

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

- The Board & Administrator, March 2013.
- Mr. Winzler sent the Bring Your Own Device regulation to CABE to review & then it will be sent to the Policy Committee.
- The insurance renewal process has saved the district approximately \$175,000.
- Thursday, April 2nd Mr. Winzler will be attending a Common Core workshop at CABE.
- Mr. Winzler noted that he has begun communicating with Mrs. Dugas to ensure an orderly, seamless transition into the position.
- The La Renaissance Banquet facility in East Windsor is being sold off at auction. This may not have meant anything to you, but it does involve us as it is at this place where the East Hampton High School Senior Prom was scheduled to take place on May 11. The "good news" is that we have been able to secure another banquet facility (Maneeleys...just off of Route 5 in South Windsor) for the prom and so the "kids" will be able to experience their prom.

The "bad news" is that we had a \$1000.00 deposit down on the facility (from the High School Student Activities Fund) which, as of this writing, we have been unable to get back. I have brought in our attorney Susan Scott to see, what if anything can be done.

Mr. Minnick asked whether the power point presentation will be put on our website? Mr. Winzler stated that the power point presentation will be placed on the website after the budget presentation.

Mr. Minnick questioned whether the Board contact information will be placed on the web? Mr. Winzler noted that he is working on that.

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Review of the 2013-2014 Proposed School Calendar (First Reading)

11.1.1 Mr. Winzler noted that this should be considered the First Reading of the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar. At the next meeting the Board will be asked to approve the 2013-2014 proposed school calendar based on the recommendations of the Board of Education and the staff.

11.2 Survey for Parents Who's Students Attend Magnet Schools

11.2.1 Mr. Winzler noted that several school districts were called to see if a survey was ever sent out to parents who enroll their students in Magnet Schools to get some feedback as to why they are making that choice. Only Vernon and Manchester have given out surveys. He also noted that the Interim Superintendent in Manchester relayed through his administrative assistant that he said that the surveys were a waste of time mainly because hardly anyone filled them out and gave feedback.

Mr. Minnick stated that this should be a district wide survey online. We need to come up with a consensus for questions on the survey.

Mr. Laraia suggested that the survey be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and anyone that wants to submit questions should do so.

12. Future Business

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens – None

15.1 Gavin Maylock, a student at the High School, suggested having a pep rally at the High School on half days.

Mr. Winzler noted that March has been designated as Board of Education Appreciation Month and while he and all the staff appreciate the time and commitment Board members have to the school district all year round, they would like to take this time to honor Board members tonight. Mr. Winzler gave Board

members a gift to show appreciation for all of the work that they do which helps the children of East Hampton.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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