

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

MINUTES: August 27, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia at 5:30 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.
2. Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Barber, to enter Executive Session in the High School Library/Media Center at 5:30 p.m. to review a non-bargaining contract, to discuss negotiations with Board of Finance members and to interview an assistant principal candidate for Memorial Elementary School. Voted unanimously.

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

Members absent: Ms. Lane, Mr. Piteo

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools

- 2.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Barber, to leave Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Voted unanimously.

- 2.2 The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 7:12 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center.

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

Members absent: Ms. Lane

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Asetta, Business Services Coordinator
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
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School

Administration

Absent: Mr. Lehmann, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Minnick, to add agenda item 14.2, Appoint An Assistant Principal for Memorial Elementary.

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

Abstained – Mr. Piteo

4. Inter-Board Liaisons

4.1 Mr. Dostaler, member of the Town Council, noted that the Town Council has begun its search for a new town attorney. There are also several openings on the Fire Commission that the council is looking to fill.

5. Audience of Citizens - None

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 June 25, 2012 Minutes

6.2 Resignation (as stated in 14.1)

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

7. Student/Staff Recognition

7.1 Mr. Coolican recognized Andrea Nease, a senior this year at East Hampton High School. She represented East Hampton at Girl's State this summer and was elected Governor of Girl's State. This is both an honor and quite an achievement. Both Girl's State and Boy's State are sponsored by the East Hampton American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Council - None

8.2 Personnel Committee

8.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that negotiations have now begun with both the administrators and teachers.

8.3 Policy Committee

8.3.1 Mr. Barber had nothing to report. Dr. Golden did note that a schedule would be set up with the committee once dates were verified. She will prepare items that need to be addressed.

8.4 Curriculum Committee

8.4.1 Ms. Barmasse had nothing to report.

8.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

8.5.1 Mr. Gemma had nothing to report.

8.6 Financial Reports

8.6.1 Mrs. Lane was not present to report.

8.7 Liaison Reports

8.7.1 Ms. Barmasse met with the LEARN executive committee regarding the Health Consortium meeting that will be held in September.

8.7.2 Mr. Laria mentioned that he was involved with the interview process for Assistant Principal at Memorial School. He has shared with Dr. Fitzsimmons his impressions of the staff involved. He was very impressed with their questions of the candidates and follow-up discussions once the candidates left. The candidates also spoke very highly of our web site, very easy to use and very informative. Mr. Laria also thanked Ms. Barmasse for filling in for him at graduation and again at this week's convocation. He extended warm wishes to the staff for a great school year.

9. Communications

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

- Board & Administrator for School Board Members, July 2012.
- An article from the Middletown Press, Officials: All-day kindergarten won't cost extra.
- News & Notes, August 17, 2012.
- Mrs. Edele will be staying on at Memorial School as a part-time kindergarten teacher and part-time special education teacher.
- New Teacher Orientation for 5 new teachers.
- Convocation will be Wednesday at 12:30 and all board members are invited. Our focus this year continues with the professional learning community.
- School Lunch program has been reviewed and now meets new nutritional standards.

10. Program Presentation - None

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Update of Summer Facilities Work

11.1.1 Mr. Reich provided the Board of Education with a summary of maintenance projects completed during the summer. Mr. Reich noted that the company that performed the roof replacement at Memorial School did a good job of completing the job, for the most part, on time and under budget. They have been very responsive and only had a few issues which will be reviewed with the building committee. There are a few items that need to be completed, an expanded playground at Memorial School and the addition of new playground equipment at Center School. Mr. Reich also updated the board on the status of the building committee and the high school renovation project.

11.2 Update of Summer Technology Work

11.2.1 The Administration and the districts Network Administrator provided the Board of Education with a summary of Technology projects completed during the summer. A discussion followed.

11.3 Update of the Superintendent's Search

11.3.1 Ms. Barmasse updated the board on the search for a new superintendent. It is anticipated that another focus group will be held soon for Middle and High

School parents. An online survey will be available shortly and a posting created soon.

12. New Business

12.1 Approval of the Primary Mental Health Grant Primary Project ("A Special Friend" Program)

12.1.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to approve the Primary Project Grant proposal and to submit it to the State Department of Education. A discussion followed. Voted unanimously.

12.2 Approval of the Senior Class Trip to Washington D.C.

12.2.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the annual Senior Class Trip to Washington D.C. as recommended by the Principal and the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Minnick suggested that student cell phone numbers be added to the information obtained for chaperones. The suggestion was noted. Voted unanimously.

12.3 Discussion of Establishment of a Public Relations Committee

12.3.1 Mr. Laria noted that if a committee is going to be established this will have to go to the Policy Committee first. A discussion followed. Mr. Laria asked for board members who are interested in being on this committee to notify him before the next board meeting when it will be discussed again.

13. Future Business

13.1 Mr. Laria noted that at the next meeting the board will continue discussion of the establishment of a Public Relations Committee

14. Personnel Actions

14.1 To accept Maryssa Edele's resignation as Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School effective July 31, 2012.

14.2 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Minnick, to appoint Christopher Discordia as Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School. Voted unanimously.

15. Goal Report

15.1 Dr. Golden provided the board with an updated goal report.

16. Audience of Citizens - None

17. Adjournment

17.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Minnick
Acting Secretary

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