

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

MINUTES: September 10, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 7:05 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: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
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 High 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
3. Inter-Board Liaisons
 - 3.1 Ms. Dostaler noted that she is interested in working with the Board of Education to develop a citizen's guide.
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 August 27, 2012 Minutes

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voted unanimously.
6. Student/Staff Recognition
 - 6.1 Introduction of New Certified Staff
 - 6.1.1 The principals introduced Ashley Toft, Tara Lloyd, Sarah Coviello, Melanie Guillerault, Alicia Zingarella and Kenneth Landry to the Board.
 - 6.2 Friends of Education Awards
 - 6.2.1 Dr. Golden noted that it is with great pleasure that she present to the Board for recognition those members of the community who have been nominated for a Friends of Education Award. The Friends of Education Award recognizes and honors people who have made an outstanding contribution to public education. The following people are being recognized for this special award because they are deemed to truly be friends

of education: Jennifer Marozzi, Renee Jedziniak, Teri Prestash, Tom Denman, Elizabeth Peck, Jodi Brazal and Pat Rubega.

The Board of Education took a break to serve refreshments in honor of the Friends of Education at 7:18 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

7.1.1 Margaret Lehmann, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

We started out our new year with the introduction of x block. This is a 45 minute period we have every Tuesday and Thursday, it acts as a study hall so it allows students to catch up on work when they were absent, or be able to go see a teacher of the subject they are having difficulty with. The first cross country meet is tomorrow. Both girls and boys soccer had scrimmages last week. The first football game is this Saturday at 1 at Cromwell high school. We have a new course this year, AP psychology which is taught by Miss Oliva.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Laraia noted that the Personnel Committee is involved with negotiations with two bargaining units.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Barber noted that the Policy Committee hasn't met but is working on a bi-monthly meeting schedule. Dr. Golden asked the Policy Committee members if there is any night of the week that they couldn't meet for a committee meeting? It was noted that Thursdays would not work.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

7.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee will meet next week.

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

7.5.1 Mr. Gemma noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met and reviewed the Memorial School roof update, progress of the high school renovation project, the Memorial playground drainage, energy audits, 94 Main Street update, the alternative energy study, the renovation to playgrounds at Memorial and Center School and the High School server room generator.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the Finance Committee has not met.

7.7 Liaison Reports

7.7.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the next focus group is scheduled for staff on September 26th.

8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of September 6, 2012.

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

- A letter from Mrs. Turchi regarding a new drop off area at Center School.

- Dr. Golden noted that the district had a very smooth opening. There were very few issues and they were very minor. The turnaround at Center School worked well. Dr. Golden watched and helped with the turnaround at Center School the first day and she was very impressed. Once Center School has the parking spaces which Mr. Hayden intends to do this month it will work very well for drop off and pick up. The administration also designated some spaces in the drive leading down to the Learning Center for both so that parents will stay out of the spots needed for staff and the church parking lot.
- Dr. Golden noted that she received the NEASC report and Mr. Fidler will be presenting it to the Curriculum Committee and then at the next Board meeting.

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Discussion of Bus for After School Activities

11.1.1 Mr. Minnick noted that he received a call from a parent regarding the need for an activity bus at the high school. Mr. Minnick noted that there are high school students that aren't able to participate in after school activities because they don't have transportation to get home. Dr. Golden noted that there would be a charge of \$97.86 plus fuel per day for an activity bus at the high school. Maggie Lehmann, Student Council Representative, noted that teachers at the high school try to have club meetings during school hours. A discussion followed.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to table this topic indefinitely.

Vote Yes – Mr. Barber and Mr. Piteo

Vote No – Mr. Laraia, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Gemma and Ms. Lane

Motion failed.

Mr. Marshall suggested that perhaps the Middle School and the High School could share an after school activity bus.

Dr. Golden noted that she will meet with Mr. Fidler and Mrs. Briere to create a report for the Board.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions

13.1 Assignment of current Assistant Superintendent to facilities position

13.1.1 Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to accept the contract as presented to the Board assigning Mr. Kevin Reich to the position of Operations Manager from 11-1-2012 through 10-31-2013. A discussion followed.

Mr. Barber made a motion to close discussion.

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

Vote No – Mr. Minnick and Mr. Marshall

Motion carried.

Ms. Lane made a motion and the Board agreed to add agenda item 13.2, Acceptance of a Resignation.

- 13.2 Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Barber, to accept with regret and the gratitude of the Board of Education, the resignation for purposes of retirement of Kevin M. Reich effective November 1, 2012. Voted unanimously.

14. Goal Report

- 14.1 Dr. Golden answered questions from the Board regarding her goal report given at the last Board meeting.

15. Audience of Citizens

- 15.1 Mrs. Dostaler noted that she has a lot of questions regarding Mr. Reich's contract. Are there currently any other per diem contracts that includes health care benefits? Mrs. Dostaler noted that she is concerned with the precedent this sets.

Mr. Fidler noted that he applauds the Board of Education for keeping Mr. Reich as the operations manager after his retirement. Mr. Reich has always responded to the needs of the district no matter where's he is. Mr. Fidler stated that he is very comfortable knowing that Mr. Reich will still be around.

Mrs. Briere noted that she is very thankful for what Mr. Reich has done for the East Hampton School District.

Mr. Dostaler congratulated Mr. Reich on his retirement and the appointment to a new position. Mr. Dostaler stated that he is concerned with how the Board went about this appointment and then accepting Mr. Reich's resignation. This decision should have had more discussion on policy to create a new position.

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Barber, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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