

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

MINUTES: October 24, 2011

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

Members present: Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Piteo, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Gemma, Ms. Wall, Ms. Barmasse and Ms. Lane

Administration Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
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 (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School
Ms. Edele, Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Jamie Sutcliffe

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 October 11, 2011 Minutes
 - 5.2 Childrearing Leave as stated in 13.1 & 13.2

Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Yes – Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Wall, Ms. Barmasse and Ms. Lane

Abstain – Mr. Piteo and Mr. Gemma

Motion carried.

6. Student/Staff Recognition - None
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1 Student Council

7.1.1 Jamie Sutcliffe, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

The girls' soccer team is 4-4-4. Senior night is this Thursday versus Hale Ray. The boys will also be competing on senior night Thursday against Hale-Ray. Their record is 13-1. The Cross Country team will be competing in class s state championships on

Saturday at Wickham Park. The girls' volleyball team is 14-2 and their next game is this Friday at Old Lyme. The annual NHS fundraiser, Senior Superheroes will be this Friday, the 28th. This week underclassman can bid on the superheroes. First quarter grades will close this Friday.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Laraia noted that there are several policies on tonight's agenda for the Board's approval. He also noted that the Policy Committee discussed the dress code & will review the information later in tonight's meeting.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

7.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee met and reviewed the Marketing Curriculum, the new Marketing Textbook, the introduction of Computer Applications Curriculum, the Personal Finance Curriculum, the update on INFORM Web – Based Data Analysis Software Implementation and a consultant to review curriculum drafts.

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

7.5.1 Mr. Gemma had no report at this time.

Dr. Golden noted that the final day for transportation bids is Friday, October 28th. The current board will vote on the new transportation contract at the November 9th Board meeting.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Robinson had no report at this time.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association

Mr. Vasquenza stated that the Policy Committee may review the agenda and remove the East Hampton Education Association since there is no representation at Board meetings. If this happens and a representative from the East Hampton Education Association attends a Board meeting then they will speak under Audience of Citizens.

7.8 Liaison Reports

7.8.1 Ms. Barmasse gave a brief overview of the LEARN meeting she attended.

8. Communications

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

- Board & Administrator, October 2011.
- News & Notes, October 14, 2011.
- Everyday Mathematics Family Activity Night, Wednesday, November 2, 2011.
- The Center School Chronicle, October 14, 2011 and October 7, 2011.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, September 30, 2011.
- Dr. Golden noted that she worked with Learn to review the school calendar. Our school calendar does not align with the schools in our area because it was not in the best interest of our district.
- A memo from Dr. Golden regarding the Policy Committee Recommendations Summary, October 21, 2011.
- Regulation 6146.33, Instruction, Class Rank.

- Dr. Golden passed around a CAFE brochure for the convention and encouraged Board members to contact Ms. Smith if they are interested in attending by Tuesday, October 25th so that the Board can get a lower rate.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Summer School Update

- 9.1.1 The districtwide Language Arts and Mathematics/Science Coordinators briefly updated the Board of Education on the “At Home Summer School Program”.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 5113, Attendance and Unexcused Absences (Second Reading)

- 10.1.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 5113 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.

10.2 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 6146, Graduation Requirements (Second Reading)

- 10.2.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 6146 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.

10.3 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 6146.11, Class Rank (Second Reading)

- 10.3.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, second by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 6146.11 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. A discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to forward the regulation to the Curriculum Committee. Voted unanimously.

10.4 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 5125, Student Records; Confidentially (Second Reading)

- 10.4.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 5125 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.

10.5 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 4118.11, Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified Nondiscrimination (Second Reading)

- 10.5.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 4118.11 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.

10.6 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 5145.4, Students – Nondiscrimination (Second Reading)

- 11.6.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 5145.4 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.

10.7 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 5145.5 Students – Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment of Students (Second Reading)

- 10.7.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 5145.5 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.
- 10.8 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 0521, Affirmative Action/Non Discrimination (Second Reading)
 - 10.8.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 0521 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.
- 10.9 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 4116, Certified – Probationary/Tenure Status (Second Reading)
 - 10.9.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 4116 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.
- 10.10 Recommendation to Approve Board of Education Revised Policy 4117.4, Non-Renewal/Suspension (Second Reading)
 - 10.10.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to approve Board of Education Policy 4117.4 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. Voted unanimously.
- 10.11 Dress Code Review
 - 10.11.1 Mr. Vasquenza noted that the Policy Committee met on Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 and reviewed the dress code and the handbook regulations. The following actions were developed and are categorized by those things the Board might do, those things the Board and administration will do together and those things the administration will do:

Board Actions

- In looking at the policy, it was determined that the introductory paragraph needs a reference to appropriate clothing as described in the handbook. The Policy Committee will recommend a first reading for this tonight. An agenda item will need to be added.

Board and Administrative Actions

- The administration is required to administer Safe School Climate surveys as provided by the State Department of Education. The Policy Committee asked that a question be added that asks each group, parents, staff and students if they would like to see school uniforms. The administration will share the results of this data with the Policy Committee for possible future action. The Policy Committee will meet and determine next steps if indicated.

Administrative Actions

- Handbooks for the middle and high schools need to be synchronized. The use of pictures, as examples in a letter sent by the high school, is quite helpful and they should be enhanced with other examples. The middle school should also be using similar pictures geared to the appropriate age level of middle school students.
- In all handbooks the length of shorts should be added in the section about skirt length.
- All staff and parents need to be much more vigilant about enforcing the handbook rules regarding dress and the appropriateness of dress for school.

The Policy Committee spent a significant amount of time examining all of the issues surrounding the dress code for students.

11. New Business - None

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions

13.1 To grant Dominique Galvez a childrearing leave commencing on approximately December 19, 2011 through six weeks after the birth of her child; and an extended childrearing leave through April 3, 2012.

13.2 To grant Jaime Sullivan a childrearing leave commencing on approximately February 27, 2012 through six weeks after the birth of her child; and an extended childrearing leave for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens – None

Ms. Robinson noted that the November 9th Board meeting will be her last meeting as a Board member. Mr. Vasquez stated that he learned a lot from Ms. Robinson and thanked her for a great job.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wall
Secretary

SW/JAG/RS