

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

**MINUTES: December 12, 2011**

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

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

Member absent: Mr. Piteo

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  
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School  
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Jamie Sutcliffe

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Inter-Board Liaisons
  - 3.1 Mr. Csere noted that he and Mrs. Dostaler are the Board of Finance Liaisons for the Board of Education. He noted that Mr. Turner is also present this evening.
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
  - 5.1 November 28, 2011 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting. Voted unanimously.
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 French Club ended their paper bricks project last week. The junior class raised the most money and will receive a breakfast during homeroom. The total raised was over \$700. With this fundraiser the French Club has donated more than \$2000 to Roots of Development over the past four years. The Youth Leadership Council is selling red ribbons for \$1 during lunch to benefit AIDS Project Hartford and is encouraging students and staff to show their support by wearing red on Friday. The girls' varsity

basketball is 1-1 and their next game is tomorrow at 6:30 away at Hyde. The boys' varsity basketball team will start their season Wednesday at home against Cromwell at 7:30. The indoor track team has a meet at Hillhouse High School Tuesday at 5.

## 7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

## 7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Barber noted that the Policy Committee will meet next Thursday.

## 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 Dr. Golden briefly reviewed the financial report for the Board.

## 7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

## 7.8 Liaison Reports

7.8.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a LEARN meeting last week and gave a brief overview of that meeting for the Board.

## 8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of November 1, 2011.

Mr. Marshall noted that it would be useful for the new Board members to have historical data on the enrollment. Dr. Golden noted that she will send them the NESDEC report.

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

- An invitation to the Thursday, December 15, 2011 Board of Education Celebration in the High School cafeteria from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 'Value-Added' Formulas Strained Collaboration, Education Week, November 15, 2011.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, November 18, 2011.
- The Center School Chronicle, December 2, 2011.
- Dr. Golden invited the Board members to attend the Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Middle School.
- Dr. Golden noted that the student council and other student organizations do so much to help other people and she's very proud of them.
- Dr. Golden wished everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday.

## 9. Program Presentation

### 9.1 High School Renovation – Brian Solowoda

9.1.1 Mr. Laraia noted that there are programmatic and infrastructure concerns due to the age of the high school and the fact that there have been no major upgrades to the facility since it was built. Mr. Solowoda of Castle Boos Architectural Firm reviewed what has been done so far and presented a timeline for what needs to happen in the future. A discussion followed.

Dr. Golden noted that this item will be placed on the January 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Education agenda. She noted that tours of the high school and an open house can be offered to the public.

Mr. Gemma questioned whether Board members can tour neighboring schools that have been renovated.

Mr. Barber noted that this discussion needs to be sent to the Transportations, Buildings and Grounds Committee to review & come up with a recommendation for the Board of Education.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Board of Education Committee Assignments

10.1.1 Mr. Laraia noted that due to the election of new Board of Education members, new members of the Board Standing Committees must now be appointed. Mr. Laraia discussed the process and appointed committee members (attached).

11. New Business

11.1 Approval of World Language Class Trip to Spain, April 2012

11.1.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to approve the trip to Spain as recommended by the High School Principal and the Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously.

Dr. Golden noted that she will contact Mrs. Mastromonaco and Mrs. Della Volpe to attend a Board meeting with some of their students to review their school trips.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

15.1 Mr. Fidler noted how giving the students are at the High School and stated that Jamie Sutcliffe came up with a great idea of selling paper bricks to raise money to help build houses in Haiti.

Ms. Weintraub, Chairperson of the Town Council, noted that she asked Mr. John Weichsel to research some resolutions for a Building Committee. She requested that the Board of Education put together a plan of all the schools and what their needs will be for the next five years.

Mr. Dostaler concurred with Mrs. Weintraub and requested that the Board of Education share the building information with the Town Council.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Barber, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane  
Secretary

CL/JAG/RS

Board Committee Assignments  
12 – 12 – 2011

**Personnel**

Don Coolican – Chair  
Ken Barber  
Carol Lane

**Finance**

Carol Lane – Chair  
Glenn Gemma  
Bill Marshall

**Policy**

Ken Barber – Chair  
Scott Minnick  
Josh Piteo

**Curriculum**

Joanne Barmasse – Chair  
Don Coolican  
Scott Minnick

**Transportation, Buildings and Grounds**

Glenn Gemma – Chair  
Joanne Barmasse  
Bill Marshall