

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

MINUTES: January 30, 2012

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

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

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
Mr. Lehmann, Assistant Principal of East Hampton Middle School
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

3.1 Mr. Csere noted that there will be a Tri-Board meeting on February 7th.

Mr. Dostaler noted that the Town Council is continuing to work on a building committee and are looking for comments from the community.

4. Audience of Citizens - None

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 January 9, 2012 Minutes

Mr. Minnick requested that the January 9th minutes be removed from the consent agenda so that they can be amended. Mr. Minnick noted the he voted yes for item 10.1.3. Mr. Gemma noted that he also has a correction for the minutes. Mr. Gemma abstained from the vote on item 10.1.2.

10.1.2 Mr. Marshall amended the motion to read the following:

Motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Minnick, to request that the Town Council appoint a Building Committee to oversee the renovation of East Hampton High School and procure the funding from the Board of Finance to complete the preliminary designs and educational specifications and that the Building

Committee include in its membership representation from the field of education and parents.

Vote Yes – Mr. Laraia, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Lane and Mr. Marshall

Vote No – Mr. Coolican and Mr. Barber

Abstained – Mr. Gemma

Motion carried.

10.1.3 Motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to require that the Building committee provide monthly reports and seek input from the Board of Education.

Vote Yes – Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick and Mr. Piteo

Vote No – Mr. Laraia, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Gemma, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

Motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the January 9, 2012 minutes as amended. 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 East Hampton Track and Field team will compete in the Shoreline Championships on February 4 at 10 am and the Class S State Championship on February 10 at 4 pm. Both events will be held at Hillhouse High School in New Haven.
- The girls' basketball team is 6-8 and hosts Cromwell tomorrow at 7:30.
- The boys' basketball team is 5-8 and will play tomorrow at Morgan at 7.
- The freshman class is sponsoring the Mr. Bellringer pageant to be held on February 24. Male upperclassman will compete to earn a \$50 Visa gift card and the honor of being Mr. Bellringer 2012.
- The Student Council will be hosting a blood drive at the high school on February 3.

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 there are two policies on tonight's agenda for the Board's approval.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

- 7.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee met on January 24th and reviewed the proposed advanced placement psychology curriculum, the proposed biology textbook and the proposed chemistry textbook

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

- 7.5.1 Mr. Gemma had no report at this time. Ms. Barmasse noted that the roof committee met and reviewed the roof plans for Memorial Elementary School.

7.6 Financial Reports

- 7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the Board of Education had a budget workshop prior to tonight's meeting and they will meet again on February 1st & 2nd.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

- 7.8.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a LEARN meeting and gave an overview of that meeting.

Mr. Laraia noted that he attended the Middle School band concert & they did a great job.

8. Communications

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

- Dr. Golden noted that she looked into the enrollment questions from the NESDC report presented to you at the last meeting. The number used in the report was for 1,928 students. This did not include Magnet School, Vo-Ag and Outplaced Special Education students which adds an additional 30 to the total to equal the 1958 in our enrollment report.
- Dr. Golden noted that, there appears to have been some questions about how much information was available to Board members and the public regarding the Hendrick's case. This is a federal case. The US Attorney, Ray Miller, was very clear with any staff member who assisted them that they were constrained by law from discussing any details that came to their attention during the investigation and subsequent trial. There are many sensitive details that are not necessary for anyone to know unless for salacious purposes in which of course none of you has any interest. I gave you information that I was allowed to give you and as soon as possible. Attorney Miller has offered to come and talk with you if you wish regarding the part the school district and I played in this case. This case is not over until sentencing takes place in May or June. Ms. Gonzalez and I will be interviewed by a case worker. The contents of the report he generates are under seal and are seen only by the judge. We will also attend the sentencing and testify as to the harm this individual has caused. You know, there is no chapter in the book for superintendents labeled how to deal with a pedophile in your schools. I am grateful for the assistance that the Homeland Security agents and the US Attorney provided and continue to provide. Also, our support staff under Ms. Gonzalez's direction, and the administrators have done an outstanding job of supporting our families and children and I commend them.
- The Middle Ground, January 2012.

- The Board & Administrator for School Board Members, January 2012.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, January 13, 2012.
- The Center School Chronicle, January 21, 2011, January 13, 2012 and January 6, 2012.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 School and District Improvement Plans

- 9.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that each year, the schools develop school improvement plans after reviewing their data both CMT, CAPT and universal assessments as well as professional development and climate needs of the school. The teacher and administrator goals align with the Board goals, focus on student achievement and student success. The Principals reviewed the School Improvement Plans for the Board. A discussion followed.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Recommendation to approve Proposed Board of Education Policy 5114, Students, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Second Reading)

- 10.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the revised Board of Education Policy 5114 based on the recommendation of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the Administration. Voted unanimously.

10.2 Recommendation to Approve Proposed Board of Education Policy 5131.911, Students Hazing/Bullying (Second Reading)

- 10.2.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse to approved the revised Board of Education Policy 5131.911 based on the recommendation of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the Administration. Voted unanimously.

11. New Business

11.1 Approval of the field trip to the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

- 11.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the field trip to the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art as recommended by the Principal and the Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously.

12. Future Business

- 12.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she will do a presentation on LEARN at the February 6th Board meeting.

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens - None

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Lane
 Secretary
 CL/JAG/rs