

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

MINUTES: January 9, 2012

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, Mr. Barber and Mr. Piteo (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Administration Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Gonzalez, Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services
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 Middle School
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School
Ms. Edele, Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School

Mr. Laraia asked for a moment of silence for Matthew D'Amico, a Middle School student that tragically passed away.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 December 12, 2011 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to add agenda item 10.2, Discussion of a school uniform survey to the agenda. Voted unanimously.

6. Student/Staff Recognition
 - 6.1 High School Trip Update
 - 6.1.1 Ms. Mastromonaco and Ms. DellaVolpe noted that they took Spanish V and AP History students on a field trip to New York. Andy Perkins, Kenny Speer and Kelsey Urban are Spanish V students and Caitlin Emmett is a Spanish V and an AP History student. They gave a brief overview of their trip for the Board.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1 Student Council
 - 7.1.1 Mr. Fidler read the High School Student Council Report for the Board:

Over vacation the boys and girls track teams attended a meet in Rhode Island with the best athletes in New England, where juniors Amber Sekoll and Lindsay Stoldt set school records in pole vault and the 3000 meter run. The boys basketball team won the Liberty Bank holiday tournament over break. Their current record is 3-4 and they have a game today against Old Saybrook. The girls basketball team is 2-7 and their next game is tomorrow at home against Old Lyme. Students who are taking Human Development attended the Teen Life Conference on January 6th. Midterm exams begin this Thursday and continue until January 19. There will be review days on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 met December 19th and there are two policies on tonight's agenda for the Board's review.

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 noted that the Buildings & Grounds Committee met December 19th and noted that the Memorial School roof is progressing nicely and the Board will be discussing the High School renovation project later in tonight's meeting.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting to review what would be necessary to maintain the present programs. There will be a budget workshop prior to the January 30th Board meeting.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of January 3, 2012.

8.2 Dr. Golden asked Mrs. Briere to review for the Board the services that were available for students at the Middle School due to the tragic death of a student.

Dr. Golden reviewed the following communications for the Board:

- An article from Courant.com, Chatham Party Brings Tone Of Civility To East Hampton Council Meetings, December 17, 2011.
- News & Notes, December 16, 2011.
- The Board & Administrator for School Board Members, December 2011.
- The New Bellringer, December 2011.
- The Center School Press, December 2011.
- The Center School Chronicle, December 23, 2011, December 16, 2011 and December 9, 2011.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, December 9, 2011.

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Request to Town Council regarding High School Renovation

- 10.1.1 Motion by Mr. Gemma, seconded by Mr. Piteo, 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. A discussion followed.

Dr. Golden reviewed the process for the Board. She also noted that it would be her responsibility to report back to the Board on the progress of the Building Committee.

- 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.

10.2 Discussion of a School Uniform Survey

- 10.2.1 Mr. Laraia noted that the Board can either move forward with a school uniform survey or leave it up to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee's decision was to talk with student and staff regarding appropriate dress.

Mr. Coolican noted that if the Board doesn't have the support of the parents then a dress code that requires school uniforms will never work. That's why a survey is helpful.

- 10.2.2 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to ask the Board Chairman to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to construct a school uniform survey to send out to Middle School parents. A discussion followed.

Vote Yes – Mr. Coolican

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

Motion failed.

11. New Business

11.1 NESDEC Enrollment Projections

11.1.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the NESDEC Enrollment Projections for the Board.

11.2 Approval of the Model United Nations Club Trip to Yale University

11.2.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the Model United Nations Club participation for the Yale University Conference as recommended by the Principal and the Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously. The Board requested that Mrs. Mastromonaco do a brief presentation at a future Board meeting to review this trip.

11.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5131.911 and Regulation 5131.911, Students, Hazing/Bullying (First Reading)

11.3.1 Mr. Barber noted that this should be considered the first reading of the proposed Board of Education Policy 5131.911. The Policy Committee encourages comments and/or recommendations. The administration will recommend the approval of Board of Education 5131.911 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the Administration.

11.4 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5114, Students, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (First Reading)

11.4.1 Mr. Barber noted that this should be considered the first reading of the proposed Board of Education Policy 5114. The Policy Committee encourages comments and/or recommendations. At the next meeting the administration will recommend the approval of Board of Education Policy 5114 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the Administration.

12. Future Business

12.1 Mr. Laraia reminded the Board that the next meeting is January 30th.

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report

14.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the goals report for the Board (see attached).

15. Audience of Citizens

15.1 Mrs. Dostaler, Board of Finance Liaison to the Board of Education, asked who would be requesting the funds for the High School renovation project. Dr. Golden noted that the Town Council would be requesting the funds.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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