

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

MINUTES: February 27, 2012

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

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

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 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 the Board received a copy of the Citizens Guide. The Town Council is trying to make the budget process as easy as possible.
4. Audience of Citizens – None
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 January 30, 2012 Workshop Minutes
 - 5.2 February 6, 2012 Minutes
 - 5.3 February 9, 2012 Workshop Minutes
 - 5.4 February 13, 2012 Workshop Minutes
 - 5.5 Resignations (as stated in 13.1 – 13.3)
 - 5.6 Childrearing Leave (as stated in 13.4)

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Voted unanimously.

6. Student/Staff Recognition
 - 6.1 Recognition of Mrs. Singleton
 - 6.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts has honored 10 area teachers with the fifth annual RMHC Local Hero Awards. The selected teachers from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts have all exhibited tremendous

dedication to their profession and outstanding efforts in servicing their schools and communities. The recipients were honored by the RMHC Board of Directors at the Connecticut Governor's Residence in Hartford on Wednesday, November 16, and were joined by Superintendents and Principals from their respective districts and schools, as well as other invited guests including local McDonald's owners and Ronald McDonald himself. Each honoree was presented with a plaque commemorating their award. Among those honored with the prestigious award include Mrs. Allyson Singleton, who is a Third Grade Teacher at Memorial Elementary School in East Hampton. To further recognize Mrs. Singleton for her hard work, RMHC awarded a \$1,000 grant to Memorial Elementary School in her honor.

Mrs. Singleton demonstrates exemplary instructional skills and professionalism every day. We are so fortunate to have such an individual teaching our children.

6.2 Recognition of Mrs. Mastromonaco and the Model UN Club

6.2.1 Mrs. Joan Mastromonaco presented information on the East Hampton High School Model United Nations Club in conjunction with participating students Megan Kimball, Andrea Nease, Rebecca Gustine, and Jeff Fidler. They will discuss the general Model United Nations process, the preparation that goes into getting ready for a Model United Nations weekend, and specifically what transpired at the Yale Model United Nations Conference. Their focus was on why students participate in Model United Nations, what occurs at a Model United Nations activity, and what students get out of participating in Model United Nations.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

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

The Mr. Bellringer Pageant was held last Friday. The winner was Matt Chui, who won over the judges with his performance of "Piano Man". The National Honors Society is planning a fundraiser using a website called freerice.com, which donates 10 grains of rice to the World Food Program for answering questions correctly. The grade that donates the most rice will win a small prize. On March 3 several juniors and seniors will compete in the Moody Mega Math Competition, which is a math contest for high school students, in which students work in teams to analyze a complex, real-world math problem in the hopes of winning a scholarship. CAPT testing for 10th graders begins on March 6th and goes through the 14th.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Barber had no report at this time.

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. Dr. Golden noted that she received an email from Attorney Susan Scott noting that all issues have been resolved with regard to the transportation contract with the exception of GPS units.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the 2012-13 Proposed Board of Education Budget will be reviewed later in tonight's meeting.

7.7 Liaison Reports - None

Mr. Laraia suggested and the Board agreed to review agenda item 10.1, Proposed 2012-13 Board of Education Budget at this time.

10.1 Proposed 2012-13 Budget

10.1.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Minnick, to approve the 2012-2013 Board of Education budget at a 3.92% increase as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Superintendent. A discussion followed.

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

Vote No – Mr. Coolican and Mr. Piteo

Motion carried.

8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of February 1, 2012.

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

- The Board & Administrator for School Board Members, February 2012.
- News & Notes, February 17, 2012.
- The Middle Ground, February 2012.
- The Center School Chronicle, February 10, 2012 and February 3, 2012.
- The Citizen's Guide to the East Hampton Town Budget, 2012-2013.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Mrs. Barmasse – Learn Overview

9.1.1 Mrs. Barmasse noted that Learn initiates, supports and provides a wide range of programs and services that expand opportunities and enhance the quality of learning in the educational community. Through its leadership, resources and work with schools, students, families and other community agencies, LEARN promotes regional and statewide cooperation and provides a framework for districts to achieve their goals. A discussion followed.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business - None

12. Future Business

- 12.1 Mr. Laraia noted that the 2012-13 school calendar will be reviewed by the Board at the March 7, 2012 Board meeting. It was stated that a 2013-14 school calendar will not be created at this time due to pending negotiations with the teachers.

13. Personnel Actions

- 13.1 To approve Jacquelyn Fiora's resignation as a 2nd Grade Teacher at Memorial Elementary School effective June 30, 2012.
- 13.2 To accept Carol Kelly's resignation as a Kindergarten Teacher at Memorial Elementary School effective June 30, 2012.
- 13.3 To accept Joan PetroRoy's resignation as a Health Teacher at the Middle School and Center Elementary School effective June 30, 2012.
- 13.4 To grant Carolanne Pinto a childrearing leave commencing on approximately May 27, 2012 through approximately six weeks after the birth of her child.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

- 15.1 Mr. Dostaler noted that a building committee resolution will be passed at the next Town Council meeting. The Town Council will be meeting in executive session to review resumes of candidates wishing to be on the school building committee.

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Ms. Lane, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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