

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

MINUTES: February 6, 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. Coolican, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo, and Ms. Lane

Members absent: Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, 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
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. Dostaler, Town Council member, addressed a recent letter that was in the Rivereast. He wanted to clarify with the Board of Education that the Town Council is indeed taking the appointment of individuals to the High School Building Committee seriously and are in the process of looking for professional individuals as potential committee members.

Mrs. Dostaler, member of the Board of Finance noted that she was in attendance to listen to the Board's 2012-2013 Budget Presentation.

4. Audience of Citizens - None

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 January 30, 2012 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the January 30, 2012 minutes. 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:

- Students who signed up to take the American High School math exam will take it tomorrow during periods B and C.
- The Interact Club will hold a meeting Wednesday to plan for future events. The club's last project was making Valentine's Day cards to send to troops overseas.
- The girls track team placed second at shorelines and the boys team placed fifth. Ben Decresente and Amber Sekoll were both the shoreline champions in pole vault. Lindsay Stoldt finished second in both the mile and 2 mile. The Class S state championships are Friday.
- The cheerleaders competed in their first competition of the season on Saturday in Beacon Falls.
- The girls' basketball team is 6-11. They have an away game at Coginchaug tomorrow and they will have their senior night on February 13 at 7:30 versus Valley Regional.
- The boys' basketball team is 7-8. They are at Cromwell tomorrow and will have their senior night on February 20 at 7:30 against Morgan.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 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.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that Dr. Golden will be making a budget presentation this evening.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports - None

8. Communications

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

- Dr. Golden is still working with the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee to finalize the Bus Contract with Nichols Bus.
- Dr. Golden noted that there is an upcoming High School staff event being planned called the Tough Mudder Challenge. This is a voluntary event; staff will be traveling to the Poconos to participate in this challenge in May.
- Mr. Dostaler has sent Dr. Golden and Mr. Laraia a resolution, regarding the building project, which will be discussed at the Town Council meeting next week. He has invited members of the Board of Education as well as members of the Town Council to make edits and/or suggestions. Dr. Golden noted that she thanked him but did not make any changes as she felt that the Council would do a good job with this. Dr. Golden did add that she sent Ms. Weintraub a list of names and phone numbers of people who are highly qualified and who will be considered with all the other applicants. We are looking forward to working with the diverse group of capable people that the council will appoint to the Building Committee.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Learn Overview

- 9.1.1 Ms. Barmasse was going to present a Learn Overview but since the newest members of the Board were not present she asked that the presentation be tabled till the next meeting.

9.2 Board of Education 2012-2013 Budget Presentation

- 9.2.1 Ms. Lane addressed the members of the Board and noted that the Finance Committee met several times to develop a budget that stayed true to the vision of the Board but that was also financially responsible given the economic climate. She noted that there are several items that are still a moving target and at this time we are presenting a budget that maintains staffing.

Dr. Golden presented the Board of Education 2012-2013 Budget. Dr. Golden noted that working with the Finance Committee as well as with Administrators we have strategized and reviewed budget figures to bring the budget down. Cost reduction strategies were discussed especially related to Health Insurance. Health Insurance premiums are still being negotiated and we probably won't have a firm number until later in the spring. Other factors that are still unknown include pension increases, education cost sharing decreases, excess cost reimbursement and upcoming labor negotiations. A discussion followed.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 the Tri-Board will meet at 7:00 PM at the High School. The Board of Education will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at the High School and on Monday, February 13, 2012 at the Superintendent's Conference Room for Budget Workshops from 5:00-7:00 PM.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Removal of EHEA from the Board of Education Agenda

- 10.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to remove EHEA from the Board of Education Agenda. Voted unanimously.

11. New Business

11.1 Approval to adopt the Advanced Placement Psychology Course

- 11.1.1 Motion to adopt the Advanced Placement Psychology Course

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Lane to adopt the Advanced Placement Psychology Course as recommended by the Administration and approved by Joan Mastromonaco, K-12 Social Studies Chairperson, the Administration and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. Discussion followed. Voted unanimously.

11.2 Approval to adopt the Myers' Psychology Advanced Placement Textbook

- 11.2.1 Motion to adopt the Myers' Psychology Advanced Placement Textbook

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse to adopt the Myers' Psychology Advanced Placement Textbook as recommended by the Administration and approved by Joan Mastromonaco, K-12 Social Studies Chairperson, the Administration and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. Voted unanimously.

- 11.3 Approval to adopt the Chemistry in the Community Sixth Edition Textbook
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Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse to adopt the Chemistry in the Community Sixth Edition Textbook as recommended by the Administration and approved by Clive Connor, K-12 Mathematics and Science Chairperson, the Administration and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. Voted unanimously.

- 11.4 Approval to adopt Campbell Biology: Concepts and Connections Textbook
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Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse to adopt the Campbell Biology: Concepts and Connections Textbook as recommended by the Administration and approved by Clive Connor, K-12 Mathematics and Science Chairperson, the Administration and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. Voted unanimously.

12. Future Business

- 12.1 Dr. Golden noted that Ms. Barmasse will do a presentation on Learn that was tabled from tonight's meeting.
- 12.2 Dr. Golden noted that there will be Budget Workshops on February 9, 2012 at the High School and February 13, 2012 at the Superintendent's Conference Room.
- 12.3 Dr. Golden noted that at the next Board meeting, we will be recognizing a staff member and several students. Mrs. Mastromonaco and several student members of Model UN will be talking about their recent trip and experiences.

Mr. Coolican commented about a recent Boys' Basketball game he attended at the High School. He mentioned that the Boys' Team should be commended for wearing pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. But what was not impressive was the conduct of the team during the playing of the National Anthem. Their behavior needs to be addressed when the National Anthem is played.

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens - None

16. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary
CL/JAG/ld