

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

MINUTES: March 12, 2012

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

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

Members absent: Ms. Lane

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 Mrs. Mary Ann Dostaler, a member of the Board of Finance, noted that the Capital Committee passed a budget and everything for the school system was approved except for the Center School turn around.

Mr. Kyle Dostaler, a member of the Town Council, noted that the Town Council will be meeting on Tuesday in executive session to interview sixteen individuals to serve on the Building Committee.

4. Audience of Citizens – None

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 February 27, 2012 Minutes

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition

- 6.1 Center School Invention Convention

- 6.1.1 On February 1st, Center Elementary School presented its annual Invention Convention. The Invention Convention provides students a unique opportunity

to be creative, original thinkers. Students who took part chose to do so, and attended early morning sessions in January to prepare for the event.

The format for the event follows the state format. Inventions are judged in judging circles. Each student orally presents his or her invention to the judging panel. The students take this seriously, and practice presenting with clarity and enthusiasm as they describe their inventions. They are also well-mannered listeners as their peers present.

Faculty advisors work with the students during the month of January to help them be fully prepared. They also plan and oversee the Invention Convention. Mrs. Kate Cote, Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Mrs. Linda Earley, and Mr. Jon Baine serve as advisors.

An important aspect of this event is the community support that makes it successful. Judges representing the Rotary Club, the Senior Center, teachers and faculty members took part.

Each year twelve finalists are chosen to attend the State Invention Convention held at Gampel Pavilion at UCONN in April. The twelve students listed on the attached will represent Center Elementary School and East Hampton Public Schools in May.

Dr. Golden and Mrs. Turchi presented the students with a certificate for their accomplishments and to wish them well in future competition.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

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

Maggie Lehman will be the Student Council Representative for the Board of Education starting the 2012-13 school year. The cheerleading team competed Friday night at the state championships. An injury caused a team member to not be able to compete, so the team redid the whole routine to accommodate for the missing cheerleader. During this practice, another cheerleader got hurt, and was unable to compete. Despite these challenges the team was able to put on a flawless routine and finish 5th out of 20 teams. CAPT testing for tenth graders continues tomorrow and concludes on Wednesday. Wednesday night is the Winter Sports Banquet. Athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments during the winter season. This Thursday, NHS is holding a "Walleyball" tournament. Students and staff can create teams to compete. The entry fee is \$3 per person and all proceeds will benefit charity. Spring sports, track, softball, baseball, golf, and tennis begin practice next week. The Junior Class will hold the Prom Fashion Show March 22 at 7 pm. Juniors will model dresses and tuxedos from varying stores. There will also be raffle tickets for sale. Cabaret Night is being sponsored by the Music Dept. on March 23 at 7 pm. A \$10 ticket

is good for a lasagna dinner and a night of music by members of the band and chorus.

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 on Thursday, March 15th.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

7.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee will meet on Monday, March 19th.

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

7.5.1 Mr. Gemma noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the Memorial Elementary School Underground Tank Update, the Memorial Elementary School Roof Update, the Progress of the Bus Contract, the Process of the High School Renovation Project and the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Plan.

7.6 Financial Reports - None

7.7 Liaison Reports

7.7.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a Learn meeting and that Dr. Golden was the presenter at that meeting. Ms. Barmasse gave a brief overview of the meeting for the Board.

8. Communications

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

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

- All- Day Kindergarten may be option at Region 13, Middletown Press, January 13, 2012. The Board & Administrator for School Board Members, February 2012.
- A letter from Dr. Golden regarding the 2012-13 Board of Education Budget, March 1, 2012.
- The Middle Ground, March 2012.
- The Center School Chronicle, March 2, 2012 and February 24, 2012.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, February 24, 2012.
- Senate Bill 24: Myths & Facts. Part 1: Top myths about the proposals to improve teacher and principal quality.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Southeast Asia – Lands of Contrast, A Global Perspective

9.1.1 Dr. Golden presented an overview of her trip to the ASCD Board of Education to Thailand and Vietnam.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Review of the 2012-2013 Proposed School Calendar (First Reading)

11.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that this should be considered the First Reading of the proposed 2012-2013 school calendar. At the next meeting the Board will be asked to approve the 2012-2013 proposed school calendar based on the recommendations of the Board of Education and the staff.

11.2 Educational Specifications for the Memorial Elementary School Roof Replacement Project

11.2.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve the educational specifications for the Memorial Elementary School Roof Replacement Project. Voted unanimously.

12. Future Business

12.1 Mr. Laraia noted that the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and that the Board will meet in executive session.

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens - None

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Minnick
Acting Secretary

JG/SM/rs

Center Elementary School
Invention Convention Finalists
February, 2012

Evan Selger	Pillow Pizzazz Light
Rachel Gardiner	MaiLight
Jordan Camp	The Baseball Station
Emily Bunnell	Spring Box
Noah Gibson	Cleat Guard
Emilia Winqvist	Flute Mute
Molly Conklin	The Handy-Dandy Table Helper
Jared Reed	Basketball Caddy
Thomas Cooke	Sticky Socks
Maggie Donohue	Extreme Jacket
Megan Bosse	Slip Light
Lauren Kasperski	Count Your Goal