

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

MINUTES: April 23, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.
2. Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to enter Executive Session in the High School Library/Media Center at 6:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Voted unanimously.

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

Member absent: Mr. Minnick

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools

- 2.1 The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 6:55 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center.

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

Member absent: Mr. Minnick

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to add agenda item 14.1 - 14.3 to the agenda. Voted unanimously.

4. Inter-Board Liaisons

- 4.1 Mr. Csere noted that the Town Referendum is scheduled for May 8th.

- 5. Audience of Citizens - None
- 6. Consent Agenda
 - 6.1 March 27, 2012 Minutes
 - 6.2 Resignations (as stated in 14.1 & 14.2)

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

7. Student/Staff Recognition - None

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Council

8.1.1 Mr. Fidler reading the student council representative for the Board:

The track team has a meet away today at Coginchaug versus Valley and Coginchaug. The team has two meets this weekend, the Stafford Invitational on Friday night and the O'Grady Relays on Saturday. The boys' baseball team is 6-2 and are away at North Branford today. The girls' softball team is 2-3 and are also away at North Branford. The boys' tennis team is 0-6 and are at Old Saybrook today. The girls' tennis team is 0-7 and hosts Old Saybrook today. The golf team is 0-2 and is against Valley Regional today at Fox Hopyard. This week is spirit week. There are dress-up days each day this week (western, tie-dye, magical, business attire, and class colors) concluded by a pep rally on Friday afternoon. The junior/senior prom will be held May 5th at the Aqua turf. AP tests begin the week of May 7th and continue through May 16th.

8.2 Personnel Committee

8.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

8.3 Policy Committee

8.3.1 Mr. Barber noted that there is a policy on tonight's agenda for the Board's approval.

8.4 Curriculum Committee

8.4.1 Ms. Barmasse had no report at this time.

8.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

8.5.1 Mr. Gemma had no report at this time.

8.6 Finance Reports

8.6 Ms. Lane noted that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Dr. Golden reviewed the cafeteria report for the Board. She reported that the cafeteria department is operating at a loss right now. Fewer students are purchasing lunches. Ms. Asetta identified areas of improvement and believes the cafeteria program can be profitable or at least self-supporting. Dr. Golden noted that the district should hire someone contingent on the cafeteria program being profitable. A discussion followed.

Mr. Barber requested a financial report on the cafeteria program once the books close in June.

Mr. Piteo questioned whether anyone looked into having a Subway for lunches.

8.7 Liaison Reports - None

9. Communications

9.1 Dr. Golden noted that in lieu of a goal report, she wanted to share with the Board the progress being made here and across the state regarding the Common Core and the new standards.

Dr. Golden noted that she attended a superintendent's meeting last week and had a short workshop on the new assessment which will be given to students. Dr. Golden shared this sample with the Board because it is important for the Board to grasp the magnitude of what we are attempting to do in a very short time. Dr. Golden also provided an article from Education Update, a publication by ASCD, which talks about text complexity. It will be important for the Board to have a strong instructional leader as the district and state transition into these new standards and this new way of assessing learning. There are many implications for curriculum which we have begun to work on but also for instruction and assessment. Teachers will need to begin to build these kinds of assessments into their instruction so that children have the knowledge and experiences to be successful. There is much work to be done moving to this next level. Fortunately, the district has a good foundation now upon which to build and will be moving the staff in this direction over the next few months while she is still superintendent in East Hampton. A discussion followed.

Dr. Golden reviewed the following communications for the Board:

- News & Notes, April 13, 2012.
- The Board & Administrator, April 2012.
- The Center School Chronicle, April 12, 2012 and April 5, 2012.

10. Program Presentation - None

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve revised Board of Education Policy 5131.6, Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco (including performance enhancing substances) as recommended by the Board of Education Policy Committee and the Administration. Voted unanimously.

12. New Business

12.1 Discussion of the Superintendent's Search Process

12.1.1 Mr. Laraia stated that the Board should begin the discussion on how to start the superintendent's search. Ms. Barmasse reviewed the process that Learn went through for their search and noted that the search firm does a lot of the work for the Board. A discussion followed.

Mr. Laraia appointed a Superintendent's Search Committee to write a RFQ. Mr. Reich, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Minnick will serve on the Superintendent's Search Committee.

13. Future Business

- 13.1 Mr. Laraia noted that this is his last meeting until late August because he will be having a kidney transplant in May. Mr. Laraia noted that in his absence Ms. Barmasse will be chairing the Board meetings and Mr. Gemma will be backing her up.

14. Personnel Actions

- 14.1 To accept Toni Watkins-Hayes resignation as a special education teacher at Memorial Elementary School effective June 30, 2012.
- 14.2 To accept Kay Rosenfeld's resignation as a Kindergarten Teacher at Memorial Elementary School effective June 30, 2012.
- 14.3 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the personnel action as presented by the Superintendent in Executive Session. Voted unanimously.

15. Goal Report - None

16. Audience of Citizens - None

17. Adjournment

- 17.1 Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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