

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

MINUTES: April 9, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Laraia, at 6:45 p.m. in the East Hampton High School Library/Media Center.
2. Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Ms. Lane, to enter Executive Session in the High School Library/Media Center at 6:46 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Voted unanimously.

Members present: Mr. Laraia, Ms. Barmasse, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Minnick, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Gemma, Mr. Piteo (arrived at 6:55) , Ms. Lane and Mr. Barber

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 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center.

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

Administration

Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Asetta, Business Services Coordinator
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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Gemma, to add agenda item 14.2 & 14.3 to the agenda. Voted unanimously.

4. Inter-Board Liaisons - None

5. Audience of Citizens - None

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1 March 27, 2012 Minutes
- 6.2 Leave of Absence (as stated in 14.1)
- 6.3 Resignation (as stated in 14.2)

Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Abstain – Mr. Minnick

Motion carried.

7. Student/Staff Recognition

7.1 Special Recognition

7.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that March has been designated as Board of Education Appreciation Month and while she and all the staff appreciate the time and commitment Board members have to the school district all year round, they would like to take this time to honor Board members tonight. She gave Board members a set of note cards to show appreciation for all of the work that they do which helps the children of East Hampton. Dr. Golden noted that the artwork for the note cards was created by several of the High School students and that Ms. Winalski and Ms. Lupacchino-Gilson are their teachers. The following students/staff also received a set of note cards for their accomplishments:

Amanda Cirillo - Artist
Sarah Dickerman - Artist
Mara Kaczmarczyk - Artist
Polina McGuire - Artist

Alyssa DeJesus - Photographer

Melissa Winalski – Teacher
Lisa Lupacchino-Gilson - Teacher

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Student Council

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

Spring sports have begun. The track team hosted their annual Bellringer Invitational on Saturday. The weather was great and many athletes had great performances at the first meet of the season. Tomorrow, the team hosts Cromwell and North Branford at 3:45. The boys' tennis team is 0-3. They hosted North Branford today. The girls' tennis team is at North Branford today and they are 0-2. The golf team had their first match today at the Banner Lodge Country Club against Woodland. The softball team is 1-1 and took on Westbrook today. Baseball is 2-0 and was also away at Westbrook today. Last Thursday there was a Unified sports tournament. Cheerleaders, basketball players, students and even teachers formed teams. Last Monday, Chad Bissonette, the founder of Roots of Development came to EHHS to speak about his work in Haiti. He expressed his gratitude to the French Club and the entire

school for their continued support of his organization. Over the past four years as a school we have donated over \$2000 to Roots of Development.

8.2 Personnel Committee

8.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that negotiations have begun with the nurses.

8.3 Policy Committee

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

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 noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Monday, April 2nd and reviewed the Memorial Elementary School roof update, the bus contract and the progress of the High School renovation project.

8.6 Finance Reports

8.6 Ms. Lane noted that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting. The Horizon system is in place in the Cafeteria. A discussion followed. Ms. Lane noted that the Board will receive a finance report for the cafeteria at the next meeting.

8.7 Liaison Reports

8.7.1 Mr. Laraia noted that the Middle School Band and Chorus performed on March 18th at the Connecticut Whale Hockey game and the kids did a great job.

9. Communications

9.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of March 1, 2010.

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

- The East Hampton Board of Education 2012-2013 Public Hearing Budget Presentation, April 2, 2012, Presented by Dr. Judith A. Golden, Superintendent of Schools.
- A memo to all staff regarding the 2012-2013 School Calendar.
- A memo to all parents and students regarding the 2012-2013 School Calendar.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, March 30, 2012.
- The Center School Press, March 2012.
- The Center School Chronicle, March 30, 2012 and March 23, 2012.
- The Middle Ground, April 2012.
- Dr. Golden noted that the Board received a copy of the updated presentation which was done with the Board of Finance last Friday evening.

10. Program Presentation

10.1 Technology Presentation

10.1.1 A technology presentation was conducted in three parts as follows:
IPads as Assistive Tools for Special Education Children presented by Ms. Edele, Erin Kaiser, Judy Foberg and Jen Fiasconaro
Technology Plan Draft – Overview by Mr. Dalton and Mr. Lehmann

Unveiling of the Website – Mr. McMahon

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business

12.1 2012-2013 Proposed Board of Education Meeting Schedule

12.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adopt the attached recommended Board of Education meeting schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. Voted unanimously.

12.2 Proposed List of 2012 High School Graduates

12.3 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the proposed list of 2011-2012 High School graduates. Voted unanimously.

12.3 Review of Recommended Board of Education Policy 5131.6, Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances) (First Reading)

12.3.1 Mr. Barber noted that this should be considered the first reading of the proposed Board of Education Policy 5131.6. The Policy Committee encourages comments and/or recommendations. The administration will recommend the approval of Board of Education 5131.6 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the Administration

13. Future Business – None

14. Personnel Actions

14.1 To grant Jennifer Dziekan's request for a leave of absence for the 2012-2013 school year.

14.2 To accept Jeanne Peaslee's resignation as a 5th Grade Teacher effective 6-30-12.

14.3 Motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to move that the Board of Education decline to renew the teacher contracts of the non-tenured teachers discussed in executive session for the 2012-2013 school year due to job elimination as a result of budget constraints. Voted unanimously.

15. Goal Report - None

16. Audience of Citizens - None

17. Adjournment

17.1 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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