

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

MINUTES: May 29, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairperson, Ms. Barmasse, 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, 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: Megan Lehmann

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Inter-Board Liaisons

3.1 Mr. Csere noted that the budget referendum is June 5th.

Mr. Dostaler encouraged everyone to vote at the referendum on June 5th. He also noted that this morning the Town Council exited executive session and are prepared to offer a contract to a chosen candidate for the town managers position.

4. Audience of Citizens

4.1 Ms. Cindy Swol of Daniels Street noted that she is a retired nurse and EMT. She is concerned that the AED's at the High School are outdated and was not impressed with the response that she got when reporting the matter. Ms. Barmasse noted that the Superintendent will look into the matter and get back to her.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 May 14, 2012 Minutes

5.5 Childrearing Leave (as stated in 13.1)

5.3 Resignation (as stated 13.2)

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition

6.1 Recognition of Carol Van Deusen, Melissa Kalisz and Middle School Students

- 6.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that Ms. Van Deusen and Mr. Lehmann were selected as one of the winners for this year's CECA Award \$1,000. Ms. Van Deusen and Mr. Lehmann will each receive a check for \$500. Their innovative project exemplifies excellence in the application of technology to classroom learning and embraces the core philosophy of the organization as well as the Connecticut Frameworks. Dr. Golden and Ms. Barmasse presented the students with a certificate for their accomplishment.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

- 7.1.1 Megan Lehmann, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

Last Wednesday track competed in Shorelines, Girls placed second and boys placed fourth. Today the softball team competes in the first round of States. Also, next years class officer elections were last week. Tomorrow, track and the baseball team compete in States. Next Monday track and field will compete in State opens. This Friday is the sports picnic and the sports awards. Last week we had an advisory on drunk driving. This Thursday is the spring concert. There are 16 more days of school.

7.2 Personnel Committee

- 7.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee has not met, however, the nurses are ratifying their contract tonight.

7.3 Policy Committee

- 7.3.1 Mr. Barber had no report at this time. Mr. Minnick asked that the Board members email addresses be placed on the Board of Education's website. Mr. Minnick also noted that Policies 1316 and 4118.115 need questions answered at the administrative level.

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 noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met and reviewed the Memorial School Roof project. He noted that six bids came in and they were less than expected. The High School renovation project was also reviewed as well as the bus contract and communication.

7.6 Financial Reports

- 7.6.1 Ms. Lane noted that the Finance Committee met and discussed ways to get the word out to the townspeople to please vote at the referendum on Tuesday, June 5th. The possibility of using Alert Now to spread the word was discussed. A discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board not to use Alert Now to alert citizens of the referendum but acknowledged that it is an administrative decision.

7.7 Liaison Reports - None

8. Communications

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

- Dr. Golden thanked Mr. Reich and the administrators for filling in for her during her absence.
- The Board & Administrator for School Board Members, May 2012.
- The Middle Ground, May 2012.
- The Center School Chronicle, May 18, 2012 and May 11, 2012.
- Memorial's Bulletin, May 18, 2012.
- Dr. Golden congratulated the High School staff that participated in the Tough Mudder fundraiser. A video will be presented to the Board at the second meeting in June.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Technology Presentation on Professional Development – Mr. Dalton & Mr. Lehmann

- #### 9.1.1 Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Dalton presented a plan for providing technology professional development training to certified staff during the 2012-2015 school years.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Superintendent's Search Update

- #### 10.1.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she, Mr. Minnick and Mr. Marshall reviewed the information received from the superintendent search firms and recommend FMS and CES be interviewed by the Board.

Mr. Marshall referenced "A Practical Guide to Connecticut School Law," regarding Board Organization Authority and Responsibilities. He quoted the following from the book:

"The board of education is responsible for interviewing candidates and employing the superintendent. Sometimes this process gets more attention in the press than either the board of education or the superintendent candidates would wish. This concern is addressed in the Freedom of Information Act (the FOIA). Generally, the FOIA requires public disclosure of board of education business. However, there are specific provisions regarding interviews and related meetings for the purpose of filling the position of superintendent and other "executive-level employment position(s)." While the names of persons attending an executive session must generally be included in the minutes, the law excludes from this requirement job applicants who attend for the purpose of an interview. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-231. Also, meetings of a "personnel search committee" for executive level positions are excluded from the definition of a public "meeting" under the FOI. Conn. Gen. State. § 1-200(2). Such personnel search committees are thus exempt from the posting and public access requirements that normally apply to public agencies. A board of education can even name all of its members to such a committee."

11. New Business

- ### 11.1 Approval of the Special Education Grant Programs FY 2012

- 11.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the IDEA grant proposal and submit it to the State Department of Education. Voted unanimously.

Mr. Minnick questioned whether the Special Education Grant is mandated for SRBI. If it is then he would like it shown in the grant. Dr. Golden noted that Ms. Gonzalez will attend the next Board meeting and answer any questions that the Board may have.

11.2 Discussion of Class Rank

- 11.2.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee discussed placing class rank on Freshmen report cards. It was the consensus of the Curriculum Committee that the placement of class rank on the Freshmen report cards be reviewed by the entire Board of Education at the May 29, 2012 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Fidler reviewed the historical perspective of class rank at the high school and the class ranking survey for the Board. A discussion followed.

Mr. Coolican made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to place class rank on the top 50% Freshmen report cards. A discussion followed.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to amend the class rank in Grade 9 but to do so with descales. There was no second, therefore the motion failed.

A vote was taken on the original motion: to place class rank on the top 50% Freshmen report cards.

Vote Yes – Mr. Coolican, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Piteo and Mr. Barber
Vote No – Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Lane, Mr. Gemma and Mr. Minnick

Motion failed.

12. Future Business

- 12.1 Dr. Golden noted that the NEASC Report will be on a future agenda.

Mr. Barber suggested that the weighted system be placed on a future agenda. Mr. Barber also asked for an update on the ash that fell on the Center School grounds. Ms. Weintraub noted that the EPA determined that the fire ash can be cleaned up and poses no harm to anyone.

13. Personnel Actions

- 13.1 To grant Robin Wilks a childrearing leave commencing on approximately November 13, 2012 through approximately eight weeks after the birth of her child; and an extended childrearing leave for two months.
- 13.2 To approve Janet Jukkola's resignation as a Music Teacher at Memorial Elementary School and Center Elementary School effective June 30, 2012.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

- 15.1 Mr. Tony Razel questioned whether people fully understand what will be cut from the Board of Education's budget & the pain if the budget doesn't pass.

Mr. Kyle Dostaler noted that the Town Council is trying to move forward with more civility and encouraged other's to do the same.

Ms. Mary Ann Dostaler and Mr. Csere requested meeting notices for Board of Education Finance Committee meetings. She also noted that she doesn't understand why the Board of Education wouldn't want to make their email addresses public.

Ms. Fran Klein noted that staff cuts is an integral part of the budget cycle.

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Lane, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lane
Secretary

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