

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

MINUTES: September 12, 2011

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

Members present: Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Piteo, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Gemma, Ms. Wall and Ms. Barmasse

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 High 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 - None
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 August 22, 2011 Minutes
 - 5.2 Childrearing Leave (as stated in 13.1)
 - 5.3 Extended Childrearing Leave (as stated in 13.2)

Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Yes – Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Gemma, Ms. Wall and Ms. Barmasse

Abstain – Mr. Piteo

Motion carried.

6. Student/Staff Recognition
 - 6.1 Introduction of New Certified Staff
 - 6.1.1 Dr. Golden read a story and distributed a copy of the book to the new teachers. The principals introduced Tara Lloyd, Erin Pitrone, Kathy Conklin, Laurie Leahy, Lauren Levesque, Stephan Stacy, Kyle Evans, Heather Vigue, Jamie Burdick, Toni Watkins-Hayes, Laurie DeGross, Valerie Sandin, Stacie DeLauro, Kevin St. Onge, Delia

Danczuk, Christina Nascimento, Bruce Gasiewski, Andrea Giuliano and Parker Strong to the Board.

6.2 Friends of Education Awards

6.2.1 Dr. Golden noted that it is with great pleasure that she present to the Board for recognition those members of the community who have been nominated for a Friends of Education Award. The Friends of Education Award recognizes and honors people who have made an outstanding contribution to public education. The following people are being recognized for this special award because they are deemed to truly be friends of education: Dan Singleton, James Cama, Memorial PTO Officers, Monique Shere, Barbli Pawlewitz, Erinn Savage, Joseph Langenfeld, Paula Mallory and Denise Nowakowski.

Dr. Golden introduced Brian Klimkiewicz to the Board and noted that he is her intern.

The Board of Education took a break to serve refreshments in honor of the Friends of Education at 7:25 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Vasquenza introduced Jamie Sutcliffe to the Board.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

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

Even though the school year got off to a late start, the same cannot be said for the clubs and activities at EHHS. Before the school year even started Freshman Orientation was held on August 18. Upperclassmen led tours of the high school and made posters for an activity fair which showcased all the great clubs and organizations that are available at the high school. The NHS is planning for freshman friends to be this Wednesday. This will allow for juniors and seniors to be paired up with freshman and talk to them about all of the things offered at the high school as well as easing any fears they may have about making the middle school to high school transition. The Drama Club began holding auditions last week for their fall production which will be *The Very Great Grandson of Sherlock Holmes*. The French club held a meeting last Thursday for new and old members to begin preparations for a fundraising walk at UCONN. The five mile walk is organized by the Roots of Development foundation, an organization the French club works with to support their mission of helping the French-speaking country of Haiti. Mrs. Keska is the new advisor of the Interact Club, which will hold its first meeting Wednesday. There was a Model UN meeting today after school to talk about what the club is about and the Model UN schedule for this year. Sports are already in full swing. The cross country team's first meet is tomorrow at Mercy High School in Middletown. The football team's first game is September 17 against Cromwell at Palmer Field. The girls soccer team will be playing Old Saybrook tomorrow at home. The boys' soccer team's first game is this Wednesday also at home versus Old Saybrook. The volleyball team will have their first game tomorrow against Morgan at home.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Laraia had 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 noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met and reviewed the Memorial School Roof update, the Memorial School Underground Tank update, the Transportation Bid, the Energy Conservation Project and the Storm Irene update.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Robinson noted that the Finance Committee has not met, however, there is a year to date report enclosed in the Board packet for the Board's review.

Dr. Golden noted that she would like to set up a Finance Committee and Personnel Committee meeting prior to the next Board meeting. Rosemarie will send out a notice with the times. Please let her know if you can attend. Also, there are more than ten policies which need to be tweaked because of changes in legislation so there is a need to arrange a Policy Committee meeting.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

7.8.1 Ms. Barmasse gave a brief overview of a LEARN meeting that she attended.

8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of September 8, 2011.

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

- Dr. Golden asked each principal to give the Board a brief overview of activities that took place throughout the district related to commemoration of 9/11.
- Dr. Golden complimented Mr. Reich, Mr. Fidler and the High School custodians for their hard work and assistance with Hurricane Irene. Dr. Golden reviewed the communication with Mr. Hayden to get the roads clear for buses to get through, the use of Alert Now to keep parents informed and the server at the High School.
- Dr. Golden noted that as of this time, if there are any additional snow/emergency days we will now start eliminating days from the April vacation. Dr. Golden explained why she doesn't recommend making up time during the February vacation. Last year several districts used the February vacation to make up days and ended up with another snow day. Secondly, we have already agreed to the April vacation with the union, staff and parents. Both families and teachers were encouraged to make any travel plans for February and not April. It would be unfair to spring the change on them this year. She suggested that if the Board wished to change it for a subsequent year then those discussions should be held first and then the board could look at next year's calendar. The use of April vacation days has happened every 5-6 years until now. Between last winter and Hurricane Irene, it will happen two years in a row unless there are no snow days.
- The Board received an updated CD of Board of Education Policies. Dr. Golden noted that the Board will be provided with another updated CD once we receive it from CAFE.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Dr. Golden noted that the Board will be provided with a list of program presentations at the next meeting. She encouraged Board members to contact her or Mrs. Smith if there is anything they would like to see on the list.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Transportation Contract

11.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that the transportation contract with Nichols Bus Company expires on June 30, 2011. It is necessary to either put the contract out to bid or to renegotiate the contract. If the latter takes place, Town council approval would be needed to do so. The Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee and the administration recommend to the Board that the contract be put out to bid. The consultant pointed out that even if the current contractor prevails, it provides a unique opportunity to strengthen the understanding between the two parties and going through this process allows the Board to clarify what both parties will do over the term of the contract.

11.1.2 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to send the transportation contract out to bid. Dr. Golden reviewed the process for the board and answered questions. Voted unanimously.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions

13.1 To grant Kristin Dean a childrearing leave commencing on approximately January 16, 2011 through eight weeks after the birth of her child; and an extended childrearing leave for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

13.2 To grant Kelly Reynolds an extended childrearing leave through October 10, 2011.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens – None

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wall
Secretary

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