

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

MINUTES: October 13, 2009

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, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Wall and Ms. Pessoni

Members absent: Mr. Hurst and Mr. Gemma

Administration Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reas, Director of Support Services
Ms. Asetta, Business Services Coordinator
Dr. Berry, Principal of East Hampton High School
Dr. Gasper, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School
Dr. Ryan, Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School

Mr. Vasquenza noted that tonight's Board meeting is being recorded. He also noted that the Town Council is being televised.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
5.1 September 28, 2009

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition
6.1 Michael's Achievement Cup
6.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that East Hampton High School was the 2nd place winner of the Michael's Achievement Cup in the SS category for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Shaun Russell is to be commended for his leadership in increasing the standards of our athletic program. East Hampton High School has a very successful athletic program and continues to be a leader in the Shoreline Conference.
7. Committee Reports
7.1 Student Council
7.1.1 Dr. Berry read the Student Council report for the Board:

- The Boys' soccer team defeated Old Lyme on Saturday 2-1, giving them an overall record of 7-2-1. They play at Coginchaug today, and have a night game vs. Morgan at home on Friday at 8.
- The Girls' soccer team lost to Old Lyme yesterday 3-1, giving them an overall record of 2-6-2. They play at Coginchaug tomorrow, and before the boys against Morgan on Friday at 6.
- The volleyball team unfortunately lost to Hale Ray in a close 2-3 match yesterday, giving them a record of 7-2. Their next game is at Coginchaug tomorrow.
- This past week was the annual senior trip to Washington. It was even more enjoyable and fulfilling than expected. Even amidst a few bus malfunctions and unanticipated delays, student and chaperone flexibility made the best of the situations; proceeding along according to plan. Between the historical monuments, museums, the teacher dance-off, and the antics of Shear Madness (a play at the Kennedy Center); the class of 2010 undoubtedly came together, both amongst themselves and with the teachers.
- SATs Saturday morning were an unfortunate, and in most cases dreaded, "welcome home" for many seniors. The cross country teams somewhat struggled in their meet at Wickham with the absence of these seniors, but hope to regain their momentum at the league meets this week.

7.2 Personnel Committee

- 7.2.1 Mr. Coolican had no report at this time.

7.3 Policy Committee

- 7.3.1 Ms. Robinson noted that the Policy Committee will meet next week.

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. Reich noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet within the next two weeks.

7.6 Financial Reports

- 7.6.1 Ms. Pessoni noted that the Finance Committee hasn't met. Dr. Golden noted that we are right where we should be. A discussion followed. Dr. Golden noted that she will provide the Board with an updated cafeteria budget in the near future.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

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

8. Communications

- 8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of October 13, 2009.

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

- Memorial's Bulletin Board, October 2, 2009.
- The Center School Chronicle, October 2, 2009 and September 25, 2009.
- The Middle Ground, October 2009.
- Dr. Golden noted that she and Mrs. Barmasse will be attending the 2009 CABE/CAPSS Convention, Making the Right Choices: Focus on Student Learning, November 20-21, 2009. If anyone else is interested in signing up please contact Mrs. Smith.
- Our High School seniors had a successful trip to Washington, D.C.

- Dr. Golden noted that the Learning Center as of today is full with 9.5 students. The Learning Center had a very nice open house with lunch the other day and they were able to meet some of the parents and say hello to some of the students.
- Regarding the bus incident – the policy states that reasonable efforts should be made to contact parents when no call is received to confirm a student absence. The secretary at Memorial School followed that procedure. Dr. Golden stated that she has changed that procedure and that the Policy Committee will be reviewing whether or not there is a need to include administrative regulations to go with that policy.

9. Program Presentation - None

10. Unfinished Business - None

Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to add agenda item 11.1, Fullbright Fellowship Application to the Board agenda. Voted unanimously.

11. New Business

11.1 Fullbright Fellowship Application

11.1.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to approve the application of Jonathan Baine for a Fullbright Teacher Exchange Fellowship. A discussion followed.

Dr. Golden noted that Mr. Baine, a grade five teacher, has filled out an application for a Fullbright Teacher Exchange Fellowship to submit pending Board approval. This Fellowship would allow Mr. Baine to teach grade five in another country which he has identified in advance and for the teacher of that grade five class to come to Center School to teach for the 2010-2011 school year. There is no cost to the Board for this exchange as East Hampton would continue paying Mr. Baine his salary and the sending school district would pay the exchange teacher's salary.

Voted unanimously.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report

14.1 Dr. Golden noted that she and Mrs. Barmasse found a facilitator to meet with the Board in November to align the Mission Statement and Beliefs for the Board.

15. Audience of Citizens - None

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse
Secretary

JB/JAG/RS