

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

MINUTES: October 26, 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, Ms. Pessoni and Mr. Gemma

Members absent: Mr. Hurst

Administration Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Reas, Director of Support Services
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Mr. Gates, Interim Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Ms. Turchi, Principal of Center Elementary School
Dr. Fitzsimmons, Principal of Memorial Elementary School
Dr. Ryan, Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School

East Hampton High School Student Council Representative: Walid Ahmad

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None
4. Audience of Citizens - None
5. Consent Agenda
5.1 October 13, 2009

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

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

Abstain – Mr. Gemma

Motion carried.

6. Student/Staff Recognition
6.1 Recognition of John Fidler
6.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that Mr. John Fidler, Principal of East Hampton Middle School, received the William Cieslukowski Outstanding First Year Principal Award. This award recognized a first year principal at each level who has had a positive impact on his school or school district. The recipients must demonstrate exemplary instructional and organization leadership, a willingness to take risks, and the ability to overcome adversity. Mr. Fidler exemplifies all of these qualities.

The Board took a break for cake and refreshments in Mr. Fidler's honor at 7:07 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

7.1.1 Walid Ahmad, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:

- The boy's soccer team now has a record of 9-2-2, having defeated North Branford 3-1 last Tuesday. They are more or less guaranteed a spot in the top four teams of the Shoreline, currently seeded at second, in competition for the conference title. Three regular season games remain, with senior night tomorrow at 5:00 vs. Valley Regional, the current #1 seed.
- The girls' team also has their senior night tomorrow, playing Valley's girls team at 7:00, after the boys' game. They hope to finish off the season strong as the North Branford and Haddam Killingworth games remain.
- Congratulations to the EHHS cross country teams, who fared quite well in the Shoreline Championships last Thursday. The boys came in first, and the girls came in third; and their combined score put them as the best overall team in the conference. It is a tribute not only to Coach Wilkie's dedication and hard work, but also the teams' conviction to succeed. They continue to train in preparation for the state and state open meets.
- The girls' volleyball team proudly holds a record of 12-3, playing at Valley Regional today and playing Hale Ray on Wednesday for senior night. We wish them luck in finishing out the season and heading into the Shoreline tournament.
- The EHHS music program will be hosting its annual fall concert Wednesday night at 7:00, with concert band, jazz band, concert choir, and chamber choir performing. It promises to be an enjoyable night, with a number of vivacious songs and ensembles.
- Senior superheroes will be held this Thursday, with senior volunteers dressing up as designated heroes, at the service of their winning bidder. A tradition at the high school, the day is always rather exciting with the comical costumes and antics the superheroes put forth; hopefully it is just as enjoyable this year.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed personnel issues.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Ms. Robinson noted that the Policy Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and there are two policies on tonight's agenda for the Board's review.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

7.4.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that the Curriculum Committee met on October 20th and reviewed the Middle School Block Scheduling and PD360 (On-Line Professional Development).

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

7.5.1 Mr. Gemma noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the possible land purchase next to the Middle School, received an update on the Memorial School roof replacement and on the Memorial School oil tank replacement.

7.6 Financial Reports

- 7.6.1 Ms. Pessoni noted that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed an incentive for early retirement.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

- 7.8.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a CAFE workshop entitled Tweeting and Texting in our Schools.

8. Communications

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

- The Board & Administrator for School Board Members, November 2009.
- News & Notes, October 16, 2009. Mr. Coolican noted that he is concerned with the ad on page 3 and feels that it is completely inappropriate in the school newspaper.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, October 16, 2009.
- The Center School Chronicle, October 16, 2009.
- A letter to all staff regarding the flu shot clinic.
- Communication from the Superintendent's Desk. Dr. Golden noted that the district did see a spike in student illness at the middle school today of about 25%. The nurses are monitoring this carefully and keeping careful records. Dr. Golden noted that she asked Mr. Russell, Athletic Director at the High School, how the athletes are faring and he tells her so far so good. There is a letter to parents which will go out tomorrow just updating them and letting them know that the administration is paying attention. The other letter is to staff regarding the regular flu shot which will be given at the staff clinic next week if we receive our distribution. There is a big question about whether or not this will happen.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Early Links Program

- 9.1.1 Mr. Reas noted that this is the fourth year of the Early Links Program. Early Links is a community outreach program that is funded by a grant with the United Way. Ms. Lauren Kasperowski gave a brief overview of the Early Links Program and she and Mr. Reas answered question from the Board.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Policy 5125, Student Records; Confidentiality (First Reading)

- 11.1.1 Ms. Robinson noted that Policy 5125, Student Records; Confidentiality needs to be revised to reflect changes in the Federal Regulations with respect to the Student Records Policy. At the next meeting the policy committee will recommend the approval of Board of Education Policy 5125 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration.

11.2 Policy 5141.21, Administering Medications (First Reading)

- 11.2.1 Ms. Robinson noted that Policy 5141.21, Administering Medications needs to be revised to reflect the changes in the Connecticut General Statutes. At the next meeting the policy committee will recommend the approval of Board of Education Policy 5141.21 based on the recommendations of the Board of Education, the Board of Education Policy Committee and the administration. A discussion

followed. It was the Board's consensus that clarification is needed on the distribution of medication to students at after school activities.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

15.1 Ms. Allison Bliss, 12 Arden Drive, stated that Mr. Fidler is very attentive and responsive in dealing with her daughter who has severe allergies. She further stated that all staff should be trained distributing medication. Ms. Bliss questioned whether a school nurse is permitted to give medication to a student without parental consent. Dr. Golden noted that Ms. Bliss should call the school regarding this matter. Ms. Bliss also questioned a mailing that was sent out at the high school regarding a study skills class. There is a charge of \$250 for the class. She stated that this is an advertisement for a company and it is inappropriate for a school to pay postage and manpower to send this out to parents. Dr. Golden noted that she would look into this matter.

Mr. Vasquenza thanked the Board for their cooperation and hard work and wished the members that are running for reelection good luck. He noted that the next Board meeting is on Monday, November 9th and that meeting will be the final meeting for those members whose terms are up. The new Board members will officially take their post on Monday, November 23rd.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Ms. Pessoni, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse
Secretary

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