

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

**MINUTES: January 11, 2010**

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

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

Administration Present: Dr. Golden, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Reich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Jylkka, Finance Director  
Mr. Reas, Director of Support Services  
Ms. Asetta, Business Services Coordinator  
Dr. Berry, Principal of East Hampton High School  
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton Middle 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 December 14, 2009 Minutes

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition - None
7. Committee Reports
  - 7.1 Student Council
    - 7.1.1 Walid Ahmad, Student Council Representative for East Hampton High School reported the following:
      - The indoor track season is going phenomenally well. At their last meet, the Shoreline Coaches Invitational, the boys finished in second by a narrow margin, and girls won by a considerable number of points. This definitely indicates that both the teams will be competing for the conference title at the end of the season. The hard work athletes

put in over vacation, both at practice and at meets, is paying off. The track team's next meet is this weekend; the Yale Relays.

- The boys' basketball team currently holds a record of 2-5, playing Morgan tonight at home. It should be a competitive game, since last time they played the margin of victory was only two points.
- The girls' basketball team currently holds a record of 3-6, playing at Portland tomorrow night. We wish them luck in this game.
- Student Council has begun mobilizing in determining its fundraisers for the second half of the year. With many new innovative ideas, we hope they turn out to be as effective as we are planning for them to be.
- The Ski Club had their first trip of the year last week on Thursday and will continue to go weekly, if weather permits.
- The annual Yale Model UN conference will be held next weekend at Yale. With mostly veteran delegates attending it should be an enjoyable and productive time.
- The annual winter musical concert, sponsored by the EHHS music program, will be held this Thursday at 7:00. We welcome all to an evening full of performances by the concert band, concert choir, jazz band, and chamber choir.
- Many students are faced with substantial workloads this week as teachers try to include some last bits of material just before midterms next week.

## 7.2 Personnel Committee

- 7.2 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and noted that executive session will be needed at the January 25, 2010 Board meeting.

## 7.3 Policy Committee

- 7.3 Mr. Laraia had no report at this time.

## 7.4 Curriculum Committee

- 7.4 Ms. Barmasse had no report at this time.

## 7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

- 7.5 Mr. Gemma noted that the Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the Memorial School Roof Replacement, the Memorial School Oil Tank Replacement, the Proposed 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Plan Request and the 2009-2010 Building Repair Budget Short Fall.

## 7.6 Financial Reports

- 7.6.1 Dr. Golden stated that Ms. Asetta was asked to prepare projections for the Board. We're on track at this time. A discussion was held on the format of the projections. Dr. Golden noted that Projections will be provided in the format requested.

Ms. Robinson reviewed the budget calendar for the Board. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to hold a budget workshop prior to the February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meetings. Mr. Vasquenza questioned whether a Tri-Board meeting is scheduled. Mr. Jylkka noted that no Tri-Board meeting is scheduled at this time.

## 7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

## 7.8 Liaison Reports - None

8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of January 4, 2010.

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

- State Board of Education Discourages So-Called Tracking in Schools, Courant.com, January 7, 2010.
- East Hampton to form football program with Vinal Tech, The Middletown Press, January 6, 2010.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, January 8, 2010 and December 22, 2009.
- The Center School Chronicle, December 18, 2009.
- The Middle Ground, January 2010.
- Visions, EHHS Literary Magazine, Fall 2009 Edition.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 CIAC Report Overview Presented by Dr. Berry and Mr. Russell

9.1.1 Dr. Berry and Mr. Russell presented a CIAC Report Overview for the Board and answered questions.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Approval of the High School Music Trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (April 9-12, 2010)

11.1.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to approve the April 9-11, 2010 High School Music Department trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania pursuant to Board of Education Policy #6153 (Field Trips). Voted unanimously.

11.2 Discussion of School Uniforms

11.2.1 Mr. Vasquenza noted that a Board member requested that the discussion of school uniforms be placed on the agenda. Mr. Coolican noted that there isn't any conclusive studies regarding school uniform but feels that school uniforms are a good idea. School uniforms institutes values and increases school spirit. More and more schools are requiring that students wear uniforms.

Mr. Vasquenza stated that he will poll the Board to see if there are at least five members who are interested in pursuing school uniforms for students in East Hampton.

Yes – Mr. Coolican and Ms. Wall

No – Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Piteo, Mr. Laraia, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Gemma, Ms. Barmasse and Ms. Lane

The discussion of school uniforms will not be pursued by the Board at this time.

12. Future Business

Mr. Piteo requested that the importance of play for the educational and social development of young children be placed on the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board agenda.

Mr. Vasquez clarified for Board members that Board members may submit to the Board chair a request to add items by the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting however he did caution that the Board has business to conduct and that Board members must be aware of the time involved in adding items.

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report

14.1 Dr. Golden noted that there are approximately twenty eight people participating in the Visions meeting on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Ms. Barmasse for all her help. The Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting and they are moving forward on several items. The Curriculum Committee is on the fast track and moving forward. In the budget requests there is another rolling lab at the High School and a refresh for the Middle School. Mr. Jylkka is working on getting fiber in our town.

15. Audience of Citizens - None

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.  
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wall  
Secretary

SW/JAG/RS