

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

**MINUTES: December 14, 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. 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. 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  
Mr. Fidler, 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
  - 4.1 Mr. Joseph Langenfeld of the Friends of East Hampton Football submitted a Treasurer's Report to the Board of Education for their review. Mr. Langenfeld noted that financially there will be a football program but there is still a lot of work to be done.

5. Consent Agenda
  - 5.1 November 23, 2009 Minutes

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

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

Abstain – Mr. Coolican

Motion carried.

6. Student/Staff Recognition
  - 6.1 Recognition of the Girls Volleyball Team and Coach
    - 6.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that the 2009-2010 East Hampton High School Girls Volleyball Team is being recognized for the significant accomplishments this year. Despite the fact that this team is only in its third year of existence, in addition to their 18-5 season, the

team came in second in the Shoreline Conference Championship and reached the semi-finals in the Class S Connecticut State Championship games. Their hard work and teamwork certainly paid off as demonstrated by their record this year. Dr. Golden and Mr. Vasquenza presented the Girls Volleyball Team and their Coach, Ms. Melanie Blais with a certificate for their accomplishment.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1 Student Council

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

- This past Thursday the annual senior dinner was held; this year at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. It was a great opportunity for seniors to attend a group function as a class, as time for such activities is slowly but surely ticking away. From reminiscing over the nostalgic slideshow, to eating a delectable dinner followed by dancing, both students and teachers enjoyed the night.
- Today the boys' basketball team was afforded a unique chance to go on a trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame, for a jamboree. In addition to playing games as part of the jamboree, they will also be able to experience the rest of the Hall of Fame as well. It should serve as a good team event, hopefully uniting them in preparation for the official season which starts on Wednesday; when they play at Morgan at 7:00.
- The girls' basketball team also starts their season soon. While they have played scrimmages, their first game is tomorrow at home, versus Valley Regional, at 7:00.
- The school's newly formed dance team has started off their season with heart and determination. We hope to see a great deal of success from them in their first season.
- The track season is off to a good start, as the first meet was held on Saturday. It was a developmental meet in which old athletes got a chance to practice field events while new athletes became accustomed to both the meet process and atmosphere. The team shows promise, and the next meet is at Yale this Saturday.
- Last weekend, Breakfast with Santa was held at the high school. The Interact Club sponsored it, and as always the turnout was fantastic. Younger children were thrilled to have their picture taken with Santa and have a pancake breakfast; an event their parents and adults fully enjoyed as well. The food drive portion of the event yielded countless donations, making it a significant contributor to the food bank.

7.2 Personnel Committee - None

7.3 Policy Committee - None

7.4 Curriculum Committee - None

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee - None

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Dr. Golden stated that the financial report is on target. The administration believes that the Excess Cost will come in at 77%. A discussion followed.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

7.8.1 Mr. Vasquenza noted that there was a letter in the Rivereast regarding Charter revisions in East Hampton. He encouraged everyone to write a letter to the Town Council and the Town Manager with their suggestions on changes to the Charter.

Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a LEARN meeting last week.

## 8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of December 1, 2009.

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

- Board & Administrator for School Board Members, January 2010 and December 2009.
- News & Notes, December 11, 2009.
- Longitudinal Suspension Data Information (12-14-09). Ms. Barmasse thanked Mr. Reas for preparing the report for the Board. Mr. Piteo questioned how many of the suspensions are in school and how many are out of school. A discussion followed.
- The Middle Ground, December 2009.
- The Center School Chronicle, December 11, 2009, December 4, 2009 and November 20, 2009.
- The Center School Press, December 2009.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, December 11, 2009, November 20, 2009 and November 25, 2009.

## 9. Program Presentation

9.1 SRBI (Scientifically Research Based Intervention)

9.1.1 Mr. Reas noted that SRBI is Connecticut's State Department of Education's term for Response to Intervention. These programs are the result of federal legislation, specifically the reauthorization of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act). SRBI focuses on data collection and a tiered approach to providing interventions to students who do not meet benchmarks in reading, math and behavioral expectations. Mr. Reas updated the Board on the SRBI development process and answered questions from the Board.

## 10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Approval of the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Proposed School Calendars

10.1.1 Motion by Mr. Coolican, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to adopt the proposed school calendars for the 2010-2011 and the 2011-2012 school years as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Voted unanimously.

10.2 Board of Education Committee Assignments

10.2.1 Mr. Vasquenza noted that due to the election of new Board of Education members, new members of the Board Standing Committees must now be appointed. Mr. Vasquenza appointed committee members at this time. Please see attached.

## 11. New Business

Dr. Golden passed around the CMT flip chart that every teacher has and the cards that the Middle School uses.

Mr. Coolican requested that a discussion regarding school uniforms be placed on the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board agenda.

Ms. Barmasse requested that Dr. Virginia Seccombe attend a future Board meeting to discuss what LEARN does for Boards of Education.

Mr. Piteo reported that he had read an article about another town who asked students how the district could save money on energy and held a contest. The West Hartford school district saved \$14,000 by doing this. He asked if this would help our schools and community. Dr. Golden thanks him and said that she would review the article and talk with the administrators.

12. Future Business - None

13. Personnel Actions - None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

15.1 Mr. Vasquenza noted that the next Board of Education meeting is on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded the Board of the Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the High School. Dr. Golden asked that as many members as possible attend so that staff could meet them.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Motion by Mr. Laraia, seconded by Ms. Wall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Barmasse  
Secretary

JB/JAG/RS