

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

MINUTES: May 24, 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, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Wall, Ms. Lane and Mr. Gemma

Members absent: Mr. Laraia and Ms. Barmasse

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. Gasper, Assistant Principal of East Hampton High School
Mr. Fidler, Principal of East Hampton Middle School
Mr. Gates, Interim Assistant 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

Motion by Mr. Vasquezna, seconded by Ms. Wall, to add an agenda item to New Business, 11.1, Wind Study at Memorial Elementary School. Voted unanimously.

3. Inter-Board Liaisons - None

4. Audience of Citizens - None

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 May 10, 2010 Minutes

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

6. Student/Staff Recognition

- 6.1 Don Gates

- 6.1.1 Dr. Golden recognized for the prestigious Good Apple Award Mr. Donald Gates who has served as the Interim Assistant Principal at the Middle School for two year. She spoke of the significant contributions he has made to the school during his tenure as Assistant Principal. Dr. Golden and Mr. Vasquezna presented Mr. Gates with the Good Apple Award.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:15 p.m. for refreshments.
The Board reconvened at 7:30 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 Golf Team has been very competitive this year.
- The Track Team will be hosting the Shoreline Conference Track Championships here at East Hampton on May 26, 2010.
- The Girls Tennis Team will be participating in the Shoreline Conference Championships at Old Lyme High School on May 27, 2010.
- The Honors Breakfast for students and their parents will be held on Friday, May 28, 2010 for all students making the honor roll for all 3 quarters.
- The Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the La Renaissance in East Windsor.
- The Senior Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 and the Senior Picnic will be Friday, June 4, 2010.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the non-union wages. They will be meeting again prior to bringing information to the Board later in June.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Piteo noted that the Policy Committee had not met.

7.4 Curriculum Committee

7.4.1 Mr. Reich noted that the Curriculum Committee had not met.

7.5 Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee

7.5.1 Mr. Gemma had no report at this time.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Robinson had no report at this time.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports -

7.8.1 Mr. Vasquenza noted that he and Ms. Robinson attended a Freedom of Information presentation for Town Officials last Thursday. They both indicated that they found the presentation very informative.

8. Communications

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

- The Board & Administrator for School Board Members. Mr. Coolican briefly spoke about the article entitled *Board's resolution asks state to fund mandates on schools*. He would like to see this brought up as an agenda item to be discussed at a later meeting.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, May 7, 2010.
- Center School Chronicle, May 14, 2010.
- Dr. Golden clarified a recent newspaper article that talked about exploring the possibility of Portland High School and East Hampton High School exchanging students to attend specific classes only offered at the respective High Schools.

- Dr. Golden indicated that she and the Personnel Committee are in the process of developing a protocol for the interview process for the Director of Support Services position.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 Smart Board Technology in Action

9.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that 11 Smart Boards were purchased and installed in all schools (High School - 7, Middle School – 2, Center School – 1, Memorial School – 1). Mr. Joseph Holloway, an English teacher at the High School and Ms. Kelly LaFaille, a Reading/Language Arts teacher at the Middle School each demonstrated a classroom lesson using the Smart Board.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business - None

11.1 Wind Study at Memorial School

11.1.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Lane to conduct a Wind Study at Memorial Elementary School.

Mr. John Tuttle, a member of East Hampton's Clean Energy Task Force reviewed a proposed study the task force would like to conduct on the grounds of Memorial Elementary School. A grant has been received to conduct this study, which if proves worthy, could ultimately save the town money in energy costs. The study would last three months. A discussion followed.

Vote – Unanimous.

Motion carried.

12. Future Business -

12.1 Dr. Golden briefly mentioned that the next meeting, June 14, 2010, the board will be discussing the 2010 – 2011 School Budget and at the June 28, 2010 meeting the board will be discussing personnel matters.

13. Personnel Actions – None

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens –

15.1 Mr. John Tuttle indicated that he would like to see the Board of Education appropriate more money for addition SMART Board Technology. He was amazed at what the boards could do and felt that it was a worthwhile purchase. A discussion followed.

16. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wall
Secretary

SW/JAG/RS