

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

MINUTES: June 14, 2010

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, Mr. Laraia Mr. Coolican, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Barmasse, Ms. Wall, Mr. Gemma and Mr. Piteo (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Members absent: Ms. Lane

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
Mr. Jylkka, Finance Director (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

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 May 24, 2010 Minutes
 - 5.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to approve the revised minutes of May 24, 2010. The minutes should state that Dr. Berry, Principal of East Hampton High School was present at the meeting. Voted unanimously.
 - 5.2 Resignation as stated in 13.1 and 13.2.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Coolican, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Voted unanimously.
6. Student/Staff Recognition
 - 6.1 Recognition of Retiring Teacher
 - 6.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that it is with mixed emotions when the district says goodbye to our retiring teachers who have given so much to the children and to their colleagues. Ms. Lodyko and Mr. Weybright have both served long and well and are richly deserving of this time in their lives. Mr. Fidler and Dr. Berry said a few words about Ms. Lodyko and Mr. Weybright and then Dr. Golden and Mr. Vasquenza presented them with a token of appreciation for their years of service.

6.2 Recognition of a Memorial School Student

6.2.1 Dr. Golden noted that it is with great pleasure that she present Lauren Baker, a third grade student at Memorial School, who won the Doodle 4 Google contest for her grade in the State of Connecticut. Dr. Golden and Mr. Vasquenza presented Lauren with a certificate for her accomplishment.

6.3 Recognition of Walid Ahmad

6.3.1 Dr. Golden noted that she is so proud of Walid and what he has accomplished these past few years. First in his class, involved in athletics, music euro challenge and a host of other activities and still had the time to attend Board meetings twice a month for two years and report on the work of the high School. Dr. Golden thanked him for being so dedicated. She knows Walid is going to experience great success in life because he has those qualities of perseverance and high expectations of himself. Dr. Golden and Mr. Vasquenza presented Walid with a token of appreciation. Walid stated that he enjoyed sitting in on the Board meetings.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Student Council

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

- The annual spring sports banquet was held last Friday, following the Camp Ingersol picnic, to honor student athletes who participated in spring sports. The events were both fun and offered good closure to a solid sports season.
- A reception honoring scholar athletes was held today, in which numerous individuals from EHHS were recognized. The criteria for being a scholar athlete were having a 3.5 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, and being selected for either first team all-conference or first team all-state. As such, it is quite an honor to be a scholar athlete. In addition to this, Josh Gustine and Liz Plummer were also additionally recognized as CASCIAC scholar athletes; a state recognition along with conference recognition.
- School is winding down to a close, with finals occupying the remainder of the week. Graduation will be held on the 22nd at 6:30, with seniors both hesitant and anxious to be done.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee will be working on negotiations with the custodians and cafeteria workers. He also noted that negotiations with the Administrators will begin this summer and the Board will be filling two administrative vacancies soon.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.3.1 Mr. Laraia had no report at this time.

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. Gemma had no report at this time.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Robinson noted that the Finance Committee meet on June 7th.

7.7 East Hampton Education Association – None

7.8 Liaison Reports

7.8.1 Ms. Barmasse noted that she attended a meeting at LEARN.

7.8.2 Mr. Laraia noted that he attended a Drama Club performance & a concert at the Middle School and both were excellent. Mr. Piteo noted that he attended the same musical and said that it was outstanding. Mr. Coolican noted that this is the first musical at the Middle School in the past five years. Ms. Corderio did a wonderful job working with the children.

8. Communications

8.1 Dr. Golden reviewed the student enrollment figures as of June 1, 2010.

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

- The Board & Administrator, June 2010.
- Pictures of Wayside which the committee would like to install at the two elementary schools. Dr. Golden noted that while she doesn't believe a vote is necessary, the committee would like consensus of the Board so that they know you are in support of doing this. It is Dr. Golden's understanding that the High School and Middle School will be in part two of the project. A discussion followed. Mr. Jylkka noted that the Department of Transportation had to approve the location of the signs. Mr. Jylkka stated that if anyone isn't happy with the location of the signs to contact the Town Council. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the signs.
- News & Notes, June 11, 2010.
- Memorial's Bulletin Board, May 21, 2010
- The Center School Chronicle, June 11, 2010, June 4, 2010, May 28, 2010 and May 21, 2010
- The Center School Press, June 2010.
- The Middle Ground, June 2010.
- Visions, Spring Issue 2010.
- Dr. Golden noted that she received an email from Danielle King, a teacher at the high school telling Dr. Golden that Ms. King took 50 volunteer students from the high school this weekend to work at the Special Olympics held at SCSU. Ms. King told of the compassion she saw in all of our students and received many compliments on the maturity, compassion and work ethic of our students. This is another example of East Hampton students setting a great example wherever they go.
- Dr. Golden noted that graduation is June 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- Dr. Golden noted that the first round of interviews will begin on Wednesday, June 16th for the Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel. On June 21st interviews for the Memorial School Assistant Principal will be held.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 UCONN Capstone Project – Brian Reas

9.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that Brian Reas enrolled in the UCONN program to earn his superintendent's certificate two years ago. One of Mr. Reas' obligations was to work with Dr. Golden this year and develop and present a capstone project. He has done an amazing study on the use of data in the district and a cost/benefit analysis of the time spent on that activity and how to better store and use data in our district. Mr. Reas presented the Capstone Project to the Board and answered questions.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Adoption of the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget

- 10.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that the budget before you is the budget which was passed in the referendum. This is a budget which represents a 3.08% increase and required that we reduce the budget passed by the Board in February by \$200,000. Dr. Golden provided a summary of both the reductions which the Board approved to get to 3.88% and the reductions the administration recommend which will get the budget to 3.08%. Dr. Golden reviewed the reductions for the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Coolican stated that he doesn't like this budget at all.

- 10.1.2 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to adopt the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Administration.

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

Vote No – Mr. Coolican

Motion carried.

11. New Business

11.1 Adoption of Vision for East Hampton Public Schools

- 11.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that one of the Board's goals was to create a vision for the future for East Hampton Public Schools around which they could plan strategically for the future. A wonderful committee served for two evenings working with the facilitator to develop a vision statement. Wayne then helped us refine it so that we have two to bring to you tonight for you to choose from. A discussion followed.

- 11.1.2 Motion by Ms. Barmasse, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to adopt Vision Statement #2. A discussion followed.

Vote Yes – Ms. Barmasse and Mr. Gemma

Vote No – Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Piteo, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Wall

Motion failed.

- 11.1.2 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to adopt Vision Statement #3, "The East Hampton School District – preparing and inspiring our students to be innovative, responsible, contributing members of an ever changing global society."

Vote Yes – Mr. Vasquenza, Mr. Laraia, Mr. Piteo, Mr. Coolican and Ms. Robinson

Vote No – Ms. Barmasse and Mr. Gemma

Abstained – Ms. Wall

Motion carried.

12. Future Business
 - 12.1 Dr. Golden noted that an executive session will be held at the June 28th Board meeting to conduct interviews.

13. Personnel Actions
 - 13.1 To accept Maureen Ryan's resignation as the Assistant Principal of Memorial Elementary School effective July 12, 2010.

 - 13.2 To accept Nicole Arsenault's resignation as a First Grade Teacher at Memorial Elementary School effective June 30, 2010.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens - None

16. Adjournment
 - 16.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Wall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wall
Secretary

SW/JAG/RS