

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

MINUTES: May 10, 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. Laraia Mr. Coolican, Mr. Piteo, Ms. Robinson, 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. 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 - None
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 April 26, 2010 Minutes
 - 5.2 Resignation as stated in 13.1.

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

Dr. Golden noted that Mr. Reas has given enormous service to the children of East Hampton. She has such mixed feelings because she is so proud of him that he won this new position but on the other hand, he has become a trusted and highly effective colleague and friend who she and others will miss a great deal. Dr. Golden noted that she will follow Mr. Reas' career with great interest because she knows he has a bright future ahead of him.

Mr. Laraia stated that Mr. Reas will be missed and commended him for the great job he did in East Hampton.

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 boys' tennis team is now 5-8. The team started off slightly struggling with the addition of an almost entirely new lineup, many of whom were new to tennis. However, all players have improved in consistency and the team has begun to look stronger.
- Though the baseball team's record is 2-14, this undermines the competitiveness displayed in many of their games, which have gone to the seventh inning. The hope to continue improving as the season goes on and reflect this competitive ability in their record.
- The softball team has come up strong once again, with a record of 10-5; playing Coginchaug at home on Wednesday.
- Both track teams are as competitive as ever. They remain, as usual, competitors for the Shoreline championship title. Though their most recent meet, the invitational at Old Saybrook on Saturday, was rained out, their next meet is tomorrow versus Coginchaug at home.
- The golf team has continued on their streak of improvement since the foundation of the team two years back. They currently have a record of 3-4 and have become competitive with many of the other teams in the conference. They play North Branford at the Tradition Golf Course in Wallingford tomorrow.
- AP testing has occupied the time of many students over the past week. After today, Wednesday is the last day when an AP test will be administered (English Language and Comp.).
- The Interact Club will be helping the Rotary out with their Memorial School playground clean up project on the 19th of this month.

7.2 Personnel Committee

7.2.1 Mr. Coolican noted that the Personnel Committee is working on a strategy for negotiations with the custodians and cafeteria workers. He also noted that negotiations with the Administrators will begin this summer.

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 noted that the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the transportation update. He also noted that a tri-board meeting is being set up with the architects for the purpose of going over the High School renovation plans.

7.6 Financial Reports

7.6.1 Ms. Robinson noted that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the monthly financial report. A brief discussion followed.

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 May 3, 2010.

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

- The 2010 Connecticut Invention Convention: A Great Success. Dr. Golden noted that the East Hampton students from Center School did extremely well in the competition at UCONN on May 1st. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate all of the support many adults both parents and teachers have given them.
- The Center School Chronicle, May 7, 2010, April 30, 2010 and April 23, 2010.
- The Middle Ground, May 2010.
- Dr. Golden noted that Mr. Reas' position was posted and she will be setting up a process to search for a replacement for that position. Dr. Golden will talk with Mr. Coolican and the Personnel committee so that the district can move forward with the process.
- A discussion took place regarding the honor roll. It was the consensus of the Board to request that the honor roll be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee.

9. Program Presentation

9.1 What are Data?

9.1.1 Dr. Golden noted that the word data and all that it conjures is the most misunderstood word in the educational milieu. Data is actually the plural of the word datum which is a piece of information essentially. It is not the data which is as important as what we do with it. Dr. Gasper has put together a very interesting presentation called, What are data?, to help the Board understand how we make use of multiple sources of data in our work. Dr. Golden thanked Mr. Gasper for the time and effort he has put into this presentation. Dr. Gasper reviewed What are Data? For the Board and answered questions.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

11.1 Approval of the Special Education Grant Programs FY 2011 IDEA Part B Sections 61 and 619

11.1.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Laraia, to approve the IDEA grant proposal and submit it to the State Department of Education. Voted unanimously.

11.2 Connecticut Nutrition Standards for Food in Schools

11.2.1 Dr. Golden noted that the Board declined to participate for the past four years or more. The administration has made a concerted effort to ensure that the food served to our students is healthy and meets nutritional guidelines.

11.2.2 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Wall, to not participate in Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes (Healthy Food Certification) based on a review completed by the Board's Finance Committee. Voted unanimously.

Ms. Barmasse requested that the Board visit this topic again next year.

12. Future Business

12.1 Dr. Golden stated that the vision committee work has been wrapped up and she reviewed the process for the Board. The committee got it down to two possibilities and the information will be presented to the Board at the first meeting in June. At the second meeting in June the Board will decide how to move forward.

Mr. Laraia noted that the Vision Committee spent a lot of time on this and feels that the Board shouldn't make any changes to the vision.

13. Personnel Actions

- 13.1 To accept Brian Reas' resignation as the Director of Support Services for the East Hampton Public Schools effective June 30, 2010.

14. Goal Report - None

15. Audience of Citizens

- 15.1 Ms. Isele stated that she is happy that the Budget passed. She also commented on her concern of newsletters with any color being sent home with students because of the cost of color copies.

16. Adjournment

- 16.1 Motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Barmasse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wall
Secretary

SW/JAG/RS