

Date: September 21, 2021

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Kind of Meeting: Executive Session/Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

Call Meeting to Order: The Meeting of the Board was called to order by James P. Foster, President, at 5:07 p.m. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mr. Ryan, Sr. to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing: (1) The employment history of particular persons; (2) Matters leading to the appointment of particular persons; (3) Collective Negotiations (EHUFSDSRPA Contract); (5) Matters made confidential by Federal Law under FERPA involving students; and (6) Matters otherwise confidential by State or Federal Statute; attorney-client matters.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ENTER INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion Carried (7-0)

The Board reconvened into public session at 6:30 p.m., motioned by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mr. Ryan, Sr., followed by the Pledge.

Motion Carried (7-0)

There were 19 audience members present, and one member of the press was present.

Board Members Present: James P. Foster, President; Christina DeSanti, Vice President; John Ryan, Sr., Sandra Vorpahl, Jacqueline Lowey, Sarah Minardi, and Justine O’Mara Limonius

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Absent: None

Central Administration Present: Adam S. Fine, Superintendent of Schools; Timothy B. Fromm, Assistant Superintendent; Keith Rugen, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Bryan Georgiady, Esq.

OTHERS PRESENT

Central Administration Absent: None

Administrative Team Members Present: Dr. Charles Soriano, Karen Kuneth, Tiffany Patterson, Sara Smith, and Joseph Vasile-Cozzo

Administrative Team Members Absent: Cindy Allentuck

Presentations –

- High School Student Research Program – Sara Smith, Paul Rabito, and students Anika Petruccelli, and Melanie Valladares Tacuri
- NYSPHSAA Award – Joseph Vasile-Cozzo and Jeremy Thode, Section XI

News of the Schools: Karen Kuneth, Dr. Charles Soriano, Sara Smith, and Joseph Vasile-Cozzo

Public Comments (Agenda Items): Members of the community were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on Board Agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda:

A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board accept item #1 through item #4 of the Consent Agenda as written and place on file:

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| 1. That the Board accept the Minutes of September 7, 2021 as written and place on file. | BOARD MINUTES:
September 7, 2021 |
| 2. That the Board approve the recommendations of the CSE as reviewed by the CSE Committee and place on file. | CSE RECOMMENDATIONS |
| 3. That the Board accept the following letter of resignation from Lillian Bryant Vasile-Cozzo, Varsity Dance Coach, effective September 2, 2021. | LETTER OF RESIGNATION:
Lillian Bryan Vasile-Cozzo |
| 4. That the Board accept the amended request for a leave of absence from Brittany Thompson, for child rearing purposes that became effective September 1, 2021 and is extended through November 23, 2021 exhausting all of Ms. Thompson's days of available paid sick leave, and an unpaid leave of absence thereafter. | EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVE: Brittany Thompson |

Motion Carried (7-0)

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations:

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| 1. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the East Hampton Union Free School District Board of Education grant Christine Reis tenure in the area of ENL effective October 9, 2021. | TENURE:
Christine Reis |
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Motion Carried (7-0)

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| 2. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following amended Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, Madison Skala, is, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appointed to a secondary Mathematics teaching position as a leave replacement, which became effective September 1, 2021 and is extended through November 23, 2021 at a per diem rate of \$284.40 based on BA/Step 1. | EXTENDED INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT,
LR: Madison Skala |
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Motion Carried (7-0)

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| 3. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mrs. O'Mara Limonius, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, Jena Arnister, is, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appointed to a Teaching Assistant position for a probationary period of four years to commence on September 22, 2021 and expire on September 21, 2025 at an annual salary of \$35,080.00 (Step 1, pro-rated, of the Teaching Assistant salary schedule attached to the teachers' association's collective bargaining agreement). | INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT:
Jena Arnister |
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Motion Carried (7-0)

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| 4. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, Dennis Palacios be and hereby is granted a leave of absence from his current position as a Paraprofessional for a period to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022, | LEAVE OF ABSENCE & INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT,
LR: Dennis Palacios |
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dennis Palacios, is, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appointed to a Teaching Assistant for a leave replacement term to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022, and to be paid at an annual salary of \$35,080.00, Step 1, pro-rated.

Motion Carried (7-0)

5. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Mrs. Minardi, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, that incompliance with the provisions of Rule 14 of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board does hereby appoint Denise Johnson to a Paraprofessional position as a leave replacement to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022, and to be paid at an annual salary based on \$26,344.00 (Step 1/J, pro-rated of the salary schedule attached to the non-instructional collective bargaining agreement).

**NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENT,
LR: Denise Johnson**

Motion Carried (7-0)

6. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Hampton Union Free School District, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Jennifer Willingham to the position of Office Assistant for a probationary period of 26 weeks effective October 4, 2021, and is to be paid at an annual salary based on \$39,081.00 (Step 1/C, pro-rated, of the salary schedule attached to the non-instructional collective bargaining agreement).

**NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENT:
Jennifer Willingham**

Motion Carried (7-0)

7. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Hampton Union Free School District, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Lindsey McLear to the position of Paraprofessional for a probationary period of 26 weeks commencing on September 22, 2021, and is to be paid at an annual salary based on \$26,344.00 (Step 1/J, pro-rated, of the salary schedule attached to the non-instructional collective bargaining agreement).

**NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENT:
Lindsey McLear**

Motion Carried (7-0)

8. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mrs. O'Mara Limonius, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Hampton Union Free School District, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Stacey Grisch to the position of Paraprofessional for a probationary period of 26 weeks commencing on September 27, 2021, and is to be paid at an annual salary based on \$26,344.00 (Step 1/J, pro-rated, of the salary schedule attached to the non-instructional collective bargaining agreement).

**NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENT:
Stacey Grisch**

Motion Carried (7-0)

9. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mrs. O'Mara Limonius, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, Robin Lehovitis, is, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appointed to a contractual Permanent Substitute teaching position, who holds a valid New York State certification in Elementary Education and Visual Arts, to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022, and is to be paid at the annual salary based on \$56,880.00, pro-rated.

**CONTRACTUAL
APPOINTMENT:
Robin Lehovitis**

Motion Carried (7-0)

10. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, Jacqueline Bates, is, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appointed to a contractual Permanent Substitute teaching position, who holds a valid New York State certification in Elementary Education and Special Education (Grades 1-6) to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022, and is to be paid at the annual salary based on \$56,880.00, pro-rated.

**CONTRACTUAL
APPOINTMENT:
Jacqueline Bates**

Motion Carried (7-0)

11. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, Jaime Hansen be and hereby is granted a leave of absence from her current position as a Teaching Assistant for a period to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022,

**LEAVE OF
ABSENCE &
CONTRACTUAL
APPOINTMENT:
Jaime Hansen**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Jaime Hansen, is, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools appointed to a contractual Permanent Substitute teaching position, who holds a valid New York State certification in Elementary Education and as a Teaching Assistant, to commence September 22, 2021 and expire June 30, 2022, and is to be paid at the annual salary based on \$56,880.00, pro-rated.

Motion Carried (7-0)

12. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Lowey, that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the letter of resignation, for the purpose of retirement, from Anthony DeFino from his position as Director of Facilities effective close of business day December 31, 2021.

**LETTER OF
RETIREMENT:
Anthony DeFino**

Motion Carried (7-0)

13. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following appointments for the 2021-2022 school year:

APPOINTMENTS

HS Library After School Supervision – effective 9-13-21

(at the non-professional hourly rate of \$37.00, on a rotation basis, limited to one supervisor per day)

- Nidia Pretto-Cebulski
- Alison Flynn

Bonac Learning Center Program

- Michael Buquicchio, Facilitator – at the hourly professional rate of \$75.35

Interscholastic Coach (Winter Season)

- Jacqueline Smudzinski, Head Dance Coach, Level III, 0 years - \$6,369.00

JMMES Lunch Monitor

- Manuela Lazo

Motion Carried (7-0)

14. A motion was offered by Ms. Lowey, and seconded by Mr. Ryan, Sr., that the Board approve the following Resolution, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the District Safety Plan (as is, no revisions) as is required under NYS Education Law.

**ADOPTED:
DISTRICT SAFETY
PLAN**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the District Safety Plan as presented.

Motion Carried (7-0)

15. A motion was offered by Ms. Vorpahl, and seconded by Mrs. Minardi, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the disposal of the following damaged and obsolete equipment: 1 Leg Press (tag#109578), 1 Back Extension (tag#108319), 1 Torso Rotation (tag#108318), 1 Incline Pull (tag#108276), 2 golf bags, 30 golf clubs, 5 sets of catcher's gear, 20 softball helmets, 30 lacrosse helmets, and 40 track jackets.

**OBSOLETE &
DAMAGED
EQUIPMENT**

Motion Carried (7-0)

16. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mr. Ryan, Sr., to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Consultant Agreement between East Hampton Union Free School District and LI Site, Inc. for the purpose of providing professional Department of Motor Vehicle 19A Testing services as per the LI Site, Inc. Testing/Training/Class Price List for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said Consultant Agreement.

**CONTRACT
AGREEMENT
between EHUFSD &
LI Site, Inc.**

Motion Carried (7-0)

17. A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Consultant Agreement between East Hampton Union Free School District and Maria Mondini for the purpose of providing mentor training services for the District's newly appointed administrators at the hourly rate of \$87.50, and not to exceed ten hours per new administrator, for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said Consultant Agreement.

**CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT
between EHUFSD &
Maria Mondini**

Motion Carried (7-0)

Old Business

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1. Mr. Fine apprised the Board of current student enrollment numbers.
2. Mr. Fine apprised the Board of current testing and vaccination plans in progress for staff and students.

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Fine apprised the Board of initial plans for the October 26th Affordable Housing Forum. Board discussion ensued.
2. Mr. Fine apprised the Board that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, school districts are experiencing a systemic bus driver shortage, and as a result some games will be held on Sundays.
3. Mr. Fine apprised the Board of the East Hampton Library Budget Vote results: 69 yes, 12 no.
4. The Board discussed moving back to the Board Room for regular Board meetings unless there is an anticipation of a large audience.

Public Comments: Members of the community were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

A motion was offered by Mrs. Minardi, and seconded by Mrs. O'Mara Limonius to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carried (7-0)

October Board Committee Schedule

October 14th

- Facilities Committee – 9:15 a.m.
- Academic Committee – 1:00 p.m.
- Policy Committee immediately following Academic Committee

October 27th

- Personnel Committee – 1:00 p.m.
- Athletic Committee – 2:00 p.m.