

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
April 24, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman C. Mickey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chairman W. Schultz, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, R. Maynard, R. Reichle, and Superintendent T. Kane. Absent: Secretary C. Simonelli, Members N. DeSousa, Dr. G. Michna

Also present: M. Chapulis (TMS), Police Chief DeMarco, and community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Out-of-State Field Trip Request

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the added agenda item. Vote: 6-0

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to approve the minutes of April 10, 2013. Vote: 6-0

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A student representative was not available to attend this evening's meeting.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to accept the Personnel Report, as presented. Vote 6-0

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mark Chapulis from TMS reported on the current financial status; the district is projected to finish the year with adequate funds. The spending freeze remains in effect and essential materials will continue to be purchased.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to act on the New Business/Discussion item, School Security.

Secretary, C. Simonelli joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

School Security – Police Chief DeMarco was present to discuss the measures being taken with school security, including the possibility of reinstating the SRO (Student Resource Officer) Program within the district, via grant funding. He and Dr. Kane are pleased with the collaborative efforts of the School, Fire, and Police Departments to ensure safety for our students, staff, and community. Dr. Kane and Board members thanked Chief DeMarco for his presence at this evening's meeting.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

FY14 Budget - Dr. Kane reminded the Board that this item will remain on the agenda until the referendum passes.

Dr. Kane informed the Board that the district newsletter would be going out to every home in the community by the end of this week. This is a special budget edition. Sections referring to town side budget information were approved by the First Selectman.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

Out-of-State Field Trip Request (Added agenda item) – On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board approved the EWMS Out-of-State Field Trip request to the Musical Carousel Festival at Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION

(Discussed above)

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORT

None

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Kane was pleased to announce a resolution has been made relative to the concern of student athletes not being allowed to run on the roads. The district is able to provide transportation for our student athletes to run at the reservoir. They will take a regular bus run to the reservoir and then be picked up at a later time and returned to the high school. This arrangement is already in progress. It is great to have a resolution to our student concerns.

W. Raber reported that a new sidewalk is being installed at Broad Brook School, as well as a new crosswalk. This project was made possible via Town grant funding.

K. Bilodeau invited Board members to participate in the National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2013.

Secretary C. Simonelli reminded the Board that the Walk for Abbey will take place on Saturday, April 27th. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at Broad Brook School, followed by the walk at 10:00 a.m.

Chair C. Mickey informed the Board of the CABE Student Leadership Award recipients from our district. The names will be announced at the June awards ceremony.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence Re: Student selection to Connecticut High School Coaches Association Academic All State Girls Basketball Team
- Calendar of Events – April 22-May 3, 2013

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a pending claim. Vote 7-0

Executive session ended at 8:34 p.m.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Vote:
7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Amended 5/8/13
Approved: 5/8/13