

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
February 22, 2017
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair C. Simonelli led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau (via teleconference), N. DeSousa, W. Raber, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Dr. T. Kane Absent: Dr. G. Michna

Also present: Student Representative D. Couture, E. Keleher, H. Thomas, A. Paquette, EWEA President J. Jette, BOS Liaison D. Nelson, students, parents, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

1. FY18 Budget Workshop Minutes – February 13, 2017
2. FY18 Special Budget Workshop Minutes – February 15, 2017
3. Personnel Report
4. Financial Report

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the added agenda items as presented. The vote was unanimous.

V. MINUTES

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the February 7, 2017 Special Meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the FY18 Budget Workshop minutes from February 13, 2017 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the FY18 Special Budget Workshop minutes from February 15, 2017 as amended. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

D. Couture reported on the recent news and events at all three schools.

VIII. SCHOOL REPORT

E. Keleher introduced the top three award winners of the recent Poetry Out Loud Contest who then recited their individual poems for the Board:

1st Place – Natalie O’Konis – *“Ode on Solitude”*

2nd Place – Stephanie Rodrigue – *“The Children’s Hour”*

3rd Place – Martin Resto – *“Broken Promises”*

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Paquette summarized the most current report provided to the Board:

- Running with budget freeze according to planned
- IDEA grant 100% funding
- State released numbers for excess cost = \$5,000 delta to the good for us
- Current update shows a deficit with Food Service funding until we receive our state reimbursement

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

EWPS 2017-2018 School Calendar Adjustment - On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the reduction of one professional development day that was posted in error. The vote was unanimous.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Updates:

a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project Update:

Dr. Kane noted she was in receipt of a timeline for the project re-dos: sidewalk, planting, and VCT flooring. The work will begin in June and conclude in July. The Building Commission will meet next week to award the jobs for the connector and room dividers in the special education room.

b. Alliance Capital Grant Update: Dr. Kane reported all jobs relative to the first grant are almost complete. The windows are underway and the bid has been awarded. R. Baker is obtaining project pricing for submission of the 2nd grant on/before March 31, 2017.

c. Proposed Casino – Negotiations are still underway.

2. FY18 Budget – The Board reviewed the Central Services budget as presented. Dr. Kane also provided copies of the recommended reductions, whether a 3.5% increase or 2% increase to the budget. The Board also reviewed other cost center recommended reductions. The minimum percentage increase for mandated servicing is 7.81%.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a special budget meeting on March 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to allow all Board members to be present and discuss a well thought out format in which to present the FY18 budget to the BOF.

C. Simonelli noted the CABE Day on the Hill will be held on 3/8. She also noted her receipt of an email sent from them (as Board Chairman) inquiring what districts are doing about Gov. Malloy's budget.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. EWHS April 5th Schedule – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the request for a half-day schedule at East Windsor High School on April 5, 2017 for SAT, PSAT and CAPT testing. The vote was unanimous.

2. Healthy Food Certification Statement – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to implement the healthy food option and allow food exemptions for the Healthy Food Certification Consideration #1 and Consideration #2. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

None

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

S. Morgan noted the EWEA Executive Board approved funding for 2 pavers as part of the war memorial and also donated \$100 toward the green. Sweatshirt, tote bag, and magnet sales are underway. He also noted the Warehouse Point Fire Department was hosting a pasta dinner this coming Saturday from 6-8 p.m. for those who would like to attend.

Dr. Kane noted the school administration will be speaking with their PLC Leaders about the school district's participation at the 250th Celebration. The information will be shared at the next district administrators' meeting.

Chair C. Simonelli informed the Board of the 19 entries submitted for the 250th Celebration slogan. The Committee will meet to determine a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

N. DeSousa asked if our elementary parent drop-off process could mirror that of Enfield. K. Bilodeau recommended students take the bus assigned to them to eliminate the problem. Dr. Kane noted the District Safety Committee meets again next month. She will be sure to add this item to their agenda.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Calendars of Events

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no longer a need for executive session this evening.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Board Secretary

Approved: 3/8/17