

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
East Windsor High School – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. P. Tudryn

Absent: N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, Dr. C. DeBarge

Also present: E. Keleher, D. Rouillard, A. Paquette, J. Sauerhoefer, M. Maltese, community members

IV. VISITATION

2019 Limerick Contest Winners –M. Maltese, Director, EW Parks and Recreation/Community Services, introduced the 2019 Limerick Contest Winners to the Board:

- Grades K-1: Hudson Koehler
- Grades 2-4: Kienna Regan
- Grades 5-8: Sydney Williams
- Adult: Debbie Williams

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to enter executive session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting. The vote was unanimous.

N. DeSousa joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:42 p.m.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to appoint Darryl Rouillard as the new district curriculum director, effective July 1, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

VI. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VII. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the March 27, 2019 meeting minutes as provided. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, A. Trull reported on district-wide school activities/events.

X. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided by L. Slate, HR Director.

XI. FINANCIAL UPDATE

A. Paquette reported the last meeting update showed an increase in the deficit as \$283,805. The deficit has since been decreased to \$255,157.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. BBS Modular Project Close-Out – J. Sauerhoefer informed the Board all inspections and sign-offs regarding the project have been completed.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Expansion Project, State Project No. 047-0035E/EC, as complete. The vote was unanimous.

2. FY19 Budget – This item was discussed under the Financial Update portion of the meeting.
3. FY20 Budget – On behalf of Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board of the following:
 - Dr. DeBarge and the administrators are looking for ways to address the budget
 - We were able to purchase AP Environmental Science textbooks via an amendment to the Title IV grant
 - Also, we have been unofficially informed of a \$238,000 reduction in our FY20 budget request by the BOF, which is a 1.27% reduction from what we had originally requested and reflects an even \$25 million for the school budget. This represents both the \$238,000 plus another approximate \$77,000 in one-time expenses that the town would fund through capital

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

E-Rate Resolution – On a motion by Kate Carey-Trull, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2019-2020. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2019-20 and the payment of the applicant’s share upon approval of funding and receipt of services. The vote was unanimous.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XVI. LIAISONS' REPORTS

N. DeSousa noted she and R. Reichle attended the recent second Youth Services Bureau meeting and noted their upcoming proposed events:

- Pizza With A Purpose
- May – Water Safety
- Home Alone Session
- Up In Smoke vaping seminar (in partnership with Windsor)

She also noted they will utilize grant funds to offset costs for the middle school Diversion Program.

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance (and that of D. Swaim) at the recent PTO meeting. The current officers believe they have filled the upcoming officer vacancies which will be voted on at their next meeting.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICPTION

None

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

On behalf of Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. P. Tudryn provided an update on inquiries posed at the prior BOE meeting:

- EW Middle School Sign – R. Baker confirmed Eversource was to follow-up with him relative to the sign - He has not heard back from them as of yet, and has also made a second, unsuccessful attempt to contact them for an update
- BBS Gym Ceiling Tiles – Roger will be adding this item to the CIP request

D. Swaim inquired if there was going to be discussion relative to Dr. DeBarge's email to the Board earlier today informing them of social media postings. Chair C. Simonelli reiterated that our staff conducts their investigations and follows their protocols, which involves law enforcement, when necessary. N. DeSousa noted the School Messenger notifications and emails are appreciated coming from the administrators, rather than being notified from rumors. F. Neill inquired if we tracked such behavior. Dr. Tudryn mentioned that we do keep discipline data. She noted she would like the trend tracked. Discussion ensued on ways to address this behavior. Dr. Tudryn reminded the Board that not everything posted on social media is factual. Chair C. Simonelli noted we are doing all we can do and also reiterated that if a student is dangerous to other students/staff/school, then he/she is removed from the environment.

F. Neill shared her opinion relative to the time change for the middle school awards ceremony. She believes that this is also a parent/family function and that it should remain held in the evening so all parents, grandparents, etc., can attend. Chair C. Simonelli noted Principal Field is trying to get all students to be able to participate during the school day as some cannot attend at night due to other obligations.

XIX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendar of Events
2. Letters: Grant/Commendations

Chair C. Simonelli noted the Invention Convention Finals will be taking place on May 4 at Gampel/UConn.

As a proud parent, K. Bilodeau pointed out to the Board the letter of commendation that was sent to her son and included in their packet.

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting. The vote was unanimous.

N. DeSousa left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:12 p.m.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull
Board Secretary

Approved: 4/24/19