

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
Special Meeting of Thursday, March 26, 2020**

7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

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In lieu of live public participation, those wishing to make public comment can email them to csimonelli@ewct.org by 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

AGENDA

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE
2019-2020 Calendar Update

IV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE
Policy Update: 6114.81 Emergency Suspension of Policy

V. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION
Distance Learning Update

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1.) Written remarks must be submitted via email to the Board of Education Chair at csimonelli@ewct.org, prior to the start time of the meeting.
- 2.) Written remarks must be prefaced by the name and address of the submitter.
- 3.) Any comments should be made in an appropriate manner. Inappropriate comments will not be shared with the Board. Charges or complaints of a personal nature against any individual employee of the Board of Education should be sent to the immediate superior of the person to whom the complaint relates. All such charges or complaints concerning a Board of Education member or Superintendent of Schools should be sent to the Chairperson of the Board and to such other Board members deemed appropriate. (ref. BP 9325)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

EAST WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-2020 CALENDAR

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

26-Convocation & Staff Dev.
27 - Full-Day Staff Development
28 - Full-Day Staff Development
29-Full-Day Staff Development

February 17 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5*	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

5 - Prof. Dev. Shortened day*
7 - No School for Pre-K
14-18 February Break
(no school)
17- Presidents' Day

September 20 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3#>>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10^	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25*	26	27	28
29	30					

2- Labor Day
3 -1st Day of School Gr.1-8 #
3 -1st Day of School Gr.9, half-day a.m. >
3 - 1st Day of School,Gr.10-12, half-day p.m. >>
10 -1st Day of School Pre-K & K ^
25-Prof.Dev.-shortened day*

March 22 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4*	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17*	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

4 - Prof. Dev.-shortened day*
6- No school for Pre-K
17 - Prof. Dev. - Shortened Day*
25 - Shortened day for EWHS only

October 21 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16*	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30*	31		

4 - No school for Pre-K
14 - Columbus Day
16 - Prof. Dev.- shortened day*
30 - Prof. Dev.-shortened day*

April 16 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

3- No school for Pre-K
10 - Good Friday
13-17 April Break - No School

November 17 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20*	21*	22*	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1 - No school for Pre-K
5 - PD Staff Day - No School
20,21,22-BBS,EWMS,EWHS
(Parent Conf.-shortened days)*
27-29 - Thanksgiving Break
(no school)

May 20 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6*	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1 - No school for Pre-K
6 - Prof. Dev.-shortened day*
25 - Memorial Day

December 12 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11*	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

6 - No school for Pre-K
11 - Prof. Dev.-shortened day*
23- December Break
(December 23 - January 1)

June 14 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18*	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

5- No school for Pre-K
18 - Last Day of School*
(180th Day - shortened day)
180 student days
(The last day of school will be determined upon the number of snow days that are incurred, up to June 30th.)

January 21 days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8*	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22*	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

1 - New Year's Day
2 - Schools Re-open
8- Prof. Dev.- shortened day*
10 - No School for Pre-K
20- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
21,23,24 Shortened day for EWHS only
22- Prof. Dev.- shortened day*

*Shortened Day Dismissal

11:55 PM-EWHS
12:45 PM-EWMS
1:30 PM-Broad Brook
Full-Day Kindergarten-1:30 PM

No school
 PD/Staff Days - No School
 No school for Pre-K
 Schools/Offices closed
 Inclement weather days

Legend
Please note dates in bold with * designate various early school dismissals.
- 1st day of school, 1-8
> - 1st day of school, Gr. 9 - 1/2 day 7:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
>> - 1st day of school, Gr. 10-12 - 1/2 day - 11:55a.m. - 2:05 p.m.
^ - 1st day of school, Pre-K & K
_ HS Exams- shortened days

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P6114.81(a)**Instruction****Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness****Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies****Emergency Suspension of Policy During Pandemic**

The Board of Education (Board) is authorized by statute to govern the District, including the adoption, revision, and suspension of Board policies.

The Board, through this policy, acknowledges school closures in response to a pandemic/epidemic and designates the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to act as a liaison for the District to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and the community.

The World Health Organization on March 11, 2020 characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. Governor Lamont declared a state of emergency and directed implementation of appropriate plans and procedures in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This action included closure of all Connecticut public schools. President Trump declared a national state of emergency.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has authority to waive instructional hours and school days, to interpret graduation requirements, and to oversee the allocation of resources for nutrition, transportation, and other crucial aspects of public education and is providing written guidance to school districts on issues related to COVID -19, including but not limited to student attendance, distance/online learning, high school credit, meal distribution, and other issues.

Temporary Powers Granted to Superintendent of Schools

The Board grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency:

1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective response.
2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such action may include, but are not limited to, adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternate educational program options; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to District property; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

P6114.81(b)**Instruction****Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies****Emergency Suspension of Policy During Pandemic (continued)**

3. Authority to enter into contracts without Board approval for any dollar amount for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.
4. Authority to close any school facility without further action by this Board. Such closure shall continue during the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate health and government authorities, deems it in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools.
5. Authority based upon the needs of the District and the guidance from health and government agencies disseminated by CSDE, to direct staff assignments during District closures, including but not limited to essential employees who must report to work, employees who may be reassigned, and employees whose services are not needed.
6. Authority to limit access to public school grounds and District buildings during school closures.
7. Authority to waive the requirements requiring advertising for bids and competitive bid procedures for purchases which may be necessary due to the emergency. The Superintendent will document the reasons for which prompt remedial action is necessary to prevent physical injury to persons or to property of the District.

Suspension of Policies

The Board hereby suspends provisions of its policies and/or whole policies, as identified by the Superintendent or designee, if such suspension is necessary to implement the written guidance from CSDE relating to containing COVID-19 for the duration identified in the Governor's order of school closure.

Consultation with Board of Education

The Superintendent shall consult with and report to the Board as feasible, appropriate and timely regarding the emergency closure and efforts to implement written guidance from health and government agencies as disseminated by CSDE and other state agencies pertaining to this pandemic situation.

Board of Education Meetings

In the interest of public health, the Board encourages the public to attend its open public meetings via virtual meetings over the Internet and/or telephone and to limit public comment to written comments. The Board reserves the right to adjust Board meeting dates, times, and locations during the District-wide emergency closure in a manner consistent with the Freedom of Information Act. Further, any or all Board members may attend Board meetings electronically.

P6114.81(c)**Instruction****Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies****Emergency Suspension of Policy During Pandemic (continued)**

- (cf. 1120 – Public Participation at Board Meetings)
- (cf. 2210 – Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy)
- (cf. 3323 – Soliciting Prices)
- (cf. 3542 – Food Service)
- (cf. 3542.31 – Free or Reduced Price Lunches)
- (cf. 5110 – Attendance)
- (cf. 5113 – Attendance and Excuses)
- (cf. 5118.1 – Homeless Students)
- (cf. 5141.22 – Communicable/Infectious Diseases)
- (cf. 5141.6 – Crisis Management Plan)
- (cf. 6111 – School Calendar)
- (cf. 6114 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness)
- (cf. 6114.6 – Emergency Closings)
- (cf. 6114.8 – Pandemic/Epidemic Emergency)
- (cf. 6146 – Graduation Requirements)
- (cf. 6159/6171 – Special Education)
- (cf. 6172.6 – Virtual/Online Courses)
- (cf. 9321 – Time, Place, Notification of Meetings)
- (cf. 9325 – Meeting Conduct)
- (cf. 9325.43 – Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student.
 10-207 Duties of medical advisors.
 10-209 Records not to be public.
 10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian.
 10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.
 19a-221 Quarantine of certain persons.
 The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 45 C.F.R. 99.

Policy adopted:

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