

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2018
BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GYMNASIUM**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m., upon the Board's arrival from the BOF Public Hearing on the FY19 Budget at Town Hall.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, M. Maltese, EWEA President J. Jette, community members

IV. VISITATION

M. Maltese, Director, EW Parks and Recreation, introduced the 2018 Limerick Contest

Winners to the Board:

Grades K-1: Dillard Martinez

Grades 2-4: Peter Davis, Jr.

Grades 5-8: Curt Zyra

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board approved the February 15, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes as presented. The vote was 7-0-1. (S. Morgan abstained.)

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the February 22, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board approved the March 8, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the March 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report this evening.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board conducted a review of the reports provided by L. Slate, Human Resource Manager.

X. Financial Report

Dr. DeBarge provided an update on the district's current financial status on behalf of A. Paquette:

- As of this time, we have met the goal of \$170,000 unallocated funds to use toward pre-purchases for the next school year, as well as \$140,000 additional unallocated funds due to special education placements that have yet to occur
- We would benefit from the 1% fund in which to place funds for next year, if necessary
- Spending freeze is still in place, other than to purchase goods and services required for safety, security, and special education needs
- Maintenance and technology needs will be revisited upon the finalization of the freeze

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- a. BBES Modular Project – ModSpace recently agreed to meet and fix the remaining project issues:
 - Marking sidewalk areas in the front and back of the building; redos or grouting
 - Doors are being redone/replaced
 - Flooring will be redone to original design; 10-unit will all match; new flooring will be put in 4-unit to match each of the 4
 - Anticipated start date to address these projects is June 27
 - Will not use same contractor to do the floors; they will be contracting with a local vendor to conduct the work
 - Tenor has changed for the positive

K. Carey-Trull inquired if they would be replacing the grass with mulch by the new office entrance. Dr. DeBarge will investigate and report back to the Board.

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- b. Alliance Capital Grant – Dr. DeBarge outlined some of the projects associated with the grant:
- Bleacher replacement at BBES & EWMS
 - BBES gym floor
 - EWHS auxiliary gym
 - District-wide security updates
 - EWMS cafeteria air conditioning unit

S. Morgan inquired as to whether or not we could donate the old bleachers to the EW Historical Society, if interested. Dr. DeBarge will investigate and report back to the Board.

F. Neill reported the EWMS exterior light on the left side of the parking lot, before the field, was not working. Dr. DeBarge will report this information to our facilities manager.

- c. FY19 Budget – This item is pending.
- d. National Walk-Out Day Activities – Dr. DeBarge reported the positive Safe School Climate activities conducted within the district on March 14 to enhance the school environments and social awareness. A district-wide donation in the amount of \$433.00 was collected and sent to the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation.

J. Jette noted the CEA proposed a walk-in; he opted not to participate.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Policy Updates:

- a. 1141 Community Relations Between Schools and Local Law Enforcement Agencies
On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

- b. 3326 Paying for Goods & Services
On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

- c. 4118 Cellular Telephones
On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

d. 6130 Organizational Plan

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

e. 6153 Field Trips

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

None

XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

Chair C. Simonelli shared a packet of information she received from CABE regarding new membership, roles, responsibilities, etc.

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance at the EWHS Panther Players production of *Blithe Spirit* and provided kudos to the cast and to F. Rodriguez, EWPS staff member, who took over directorship of the play under short notice.

K. Bilodeau also provided kudos to the cast and F. Rodriguez for a job well done on the play.

S. Morgan inquired if there was going to be a car show this year at the high school. Dr. DeBarge will get back to him upon confirmation from high school staff.

Dr. DeBarge reported an anonymous \$1,400 donation was made to cover the benefits for a staff member who was out on leave.

Dr. DeBarge also reported EWMS students, Rebecca Syme and Michael Mitchell were selected this past weekend to continue on from the Regional Competition to the State Finals for Invention Convention. The finals will be held on April 28 in Gampel.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Calendar of Events

Discussion also ensued relative to dates in which to conduct the BOE self-assessment and superintendent evaluation. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to schedule as follows:

April 18 – BOE conducts self-assessment in executive session at the conclusion of their regular scheduled meeting

May 9 – Superintendent presents year-in-review in executive session at conclusion of the regular scheduled meeting

May 23 – Board to draft superintendent evaluation at 6:30 p.m. in executive session and also meet in executive session at the end of the regular scheduled meeting, if necessary

May 30 – Board to continue drafting superintendent evaluation at 6:30 p.m. in special meeting executive session

May 31 – Board completes superintendent evaluation document, if necessary at 6:30 p.m. in special meeting executive session

June 13 – Board to present superintendent with evaluation in executive session at conclusion of regular scheduled meeting

June 27 – Board to present superintendent evaluation in open session during regular scheduled meeting

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:52 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.

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to come out of executive session at 9:42 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull
Board Secretary

Approved: