

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
May 25, 2016
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

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, P. Nelson, N. DeSousa, D. Swaim Absent: Dr. T. Kane, S. Morgan, W. Raber

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, E. Keleher, K. Hellerich, L. Foxx, D. Rouillard, M. Ryan, parents, community members

(Dr. T. Kane and A. Paquette will join the meeting upon their return from the Town Public Hearing at Town Hall.)

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The 4th quarter Outstanding Student Award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

Jalexis Mercado – K

Kinga Kempisty– Grade 8

Gabriela Resto – Grade 12

V. VISITATION

EWMS Invention Convention Award recipient, Cameron Turley shared his recent participation in the school, state and national competition with his invention submission of a helmet that indicates how hard a student athlete is hit, enabling coaches to monitor when injured athletes should be pulled from a game.

VI. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VII. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the April 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

E. Keleher shared the recent news and events at all three schools.

X. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

Dr. Kane and A. Paquette joined the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Chair C. Simonelli called for a short recess at 7:43 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Dr. Kane disclosed the hiring of her husband's niece as a paraprofessional for the summer program by Dr. P. Tudryn. Dr. Tudryn was unaware of the connection prior to making the hire.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Paquette noted his attempt to create the report in a user-friendly and easily understandable format to all members. He outlined the current report provided in Board packets:

- Status of FRC
- Local Appropriations
- Grants
- Funds Pages
- Transfers Report

N. DeSousa thanked A. Paquette for creating the report in a manner that is easier to understand.

Chair C. Simonelli confirmed the approval of the new report format with all members.

Dr. Kane reported the results of the vote by the BOF at the Public Hearing:

- The Town budget will remain the same for the third referendum. BOF members feel it will fail again due to the issue regarding taxation and the Warehouse Point Fire Station.
- J. Bowza polled BOF members regarding the BOS special meeting to appoint an alternate replacement on the BOF due to recent resignation of one of their members. The candidates are Danielle Godek and Don Acuri.

XII. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. DeBarge provided an update on the district-wide Social Studies and Science Curriculum Committees.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

2017 Foreign Language Trip Update – Dr. Kane informed the Board the trip originally planned and approved to Puerto Rico is cancelled due to the Zika virus. Upon their approval it will be changed to a trip to Europe.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the change to Europe for the 2017 Foreign Language Trip. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Updates:
 - a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project Update:
 - Dr. Kane reported the variance for the dumpster location at BBES was approved by the ZBA at their recent meeting. It will be located in the front of the building with fencing and arborvitaes to make the area appealing to the public.
 - The brick work on both additions is underway.
 - b. Alliance Capital Grant Update:
 - Several projects have gone out to bid.
 - The bid on the furnace work has been awarded.
 - BBES will be shut down to the public over the summer months.
 - BBES main office will be moved to the “S” wing at EWHS for the summer.
 - FRC and Food Service office will also be moved to EWHS.
 - The principal and assistant principal will be the only staff allowed in the building.
2. Athletic Transportation for Football Team – Dr. Kane reported funding for this initiative will come from a combination of fundraising with the Booster Club and funds from the current athletic budget.

K. Bilodeau noted the positive feedback shared with her relative to this resolution.

3. Food Services – Dr. Kane was pleased to report positive results were received in the recent program audit. Any recommendations will be shared with staff members, which were never shared with them in the past.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. EWHS Signage – The EWHS Booster Club would like to purchase electronic signage for EWHS. Once approved by the BOE, the request will be brought to the ZBA for approval.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to approve the purchase of electronic signage at EWHS by the EWHS Booster Club. The vote was unanimous.

2. BBES Signage – The Board is open to the idea of electronic signage at BBES if the SGC is funding a sign, but would like to see proposals for signs and pricing.

It was also discussed to include new signage for EWMS if we are proposing for new signage at EWHS and BBES.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Policies: (1st reading)

1. 5132 Dress and Grooming
2. 5144.1 Use of Physical Force
3. 1331 Smoke Free Environment

Discussion ensued on the policies brought before the Board.

D. Swaim inquired if there was a dress code for staff. Dr. Kane informed the Board they have to be cautious as to how to address that topic with staff. That is an area/topic to be discussed during negotiations.

XVII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

R. Reichle reported her attendance at the last FRC meeting of the year. They are making arrangements for students due to the fact we are getting out 2 weeks early this year, they are also looking into future revisions for other arrangements for early release days, they are in the process of ironing out tax exempt issues, and are in the process of filling vacancies on the FRC Board.

XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS

S. Morgan reported his attendance at the recent PTO Parents Night Out at Merlot on the Water. He also commented on the response from the community relative to Mr. Ryan's pink hair as his end of the bargain to students.

N. DeSousa noted the elementary Author's Days were underway.

XX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendar of Events
2. Enrollment

XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to enter into executive session 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. The time was 9:20 p.m.

Chair C. Simonelli called for a short recess at 9:20 p.m.

Executive session resumed at 9:25 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:50 p.m.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: