

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
May 27, 2015  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman C. Mickey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, Dr. G. Michna, P. Nelson, W. Raber, S. Morgan, Student Representative D. Couture and Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa

Also present: C. Desjardins (TMS), R. Labrie, Dr. K. Kopczynski, S. Gamble, E. Johnson and community members

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

Job Description - Speech Language Pathology Assistant

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board approved the added agenda item as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**V. VISITATION**

Dr. Kopczynski, S. Gamble and E. Johnson provided a slideshow presentation of the recent foreign language trip to Italy, Spain, and France.

N. DeSousa joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**VI. MINUTES**

On motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. George Michna, the Board approved the May 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

D. Couture provided an update on the news and upcoming events at all three schools.

**IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packets.

**X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

C. Desjardins provided an update on the district's current financial status:

- End-of-year account transfers
- Spending on track

Dr. DeBarge also reported the excess cost revenue source from the state came in higher than anticipated (\$80,000 above what was budgeted). It is recommended to install the well at EWHS to maintain our fields. The total cost to install a well and all its components is approximately \$38,000.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. BBES Modular Project Update – Mr. Labrie informed the Board of the following:
  - Since the referendum vote, a written request was sent to the state for state aid
  - A written request for an extension of existing funding was sent to the state
  - A legislative amendment was submitted through Representative Chris Davis to request additional state aid this session, instead of waiting until next session
  - The EW Building Committee authorized moving ahead in the process
  - He is meeting on 5/28 with ModSpace to develop a timeline
  - The role of the BOE will be with educational impact of the project
  - The EW Building Committee will oversee construction/change orders.
2. FY16 Budget –The 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum did not pass town vote. The next referendum is scheduled to take place on 6/9. The district Administrative Team will meet on 6/3 to revise the “needs list” and review reductions.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED**

1. Policy Updates:
  - a.5145.12 Search & Seizure
  - b.5145.122 Use of Dogs to Search School Property
  - c.5145.511 Exploitation: Sexual Harassment

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of all three policies and vote at this evening’s meeting. The vote unanimous.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved all three policy updates as amended. The vote was unanimous.

2. Job Description – Speech Language Pathology Assistant – This position is required due to the number of middle school students moving to the high school with a much higher level of speech and language on IEPs.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the job description as written. The vote was unanimous.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Policy 6153 Field Trips – Dr. DeBarge provided clarification relative to the discrepancy in our district field trip policy and district field trip request form. It was the consensus of the Board to only approve overnight field trips.

**XV. LIAISONS' REPORT**

K. Bilodeau reported the \$12,000 grant award from the EW Education Foundation for the purchase of a 3D printer for the district. The grant was awarded with a stipulation that a ceremony be offered to the public to unveil projects created by the printer.

**XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVII. MISCELLANEOUS**

N. DeSousa reported the Town Democratic Committee will be hosting a Pasta Dinner & Trivia Night on Saturday, May 30 in the EWHS cafeteria.

Dr. DeBarge provided an update on the tree planting at BBES. A Kwanza Cherry Tree has been purchased and will be planted by our current landscape company.

**XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Calendar of Events
- Enrollment

**XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:54 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, and to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to allow Dr. C. DeBarge, on behalf of the Board as Interim Superintendent, to sign an extension of a contract with Futures Education from May 6, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to re-enter executive session at 9:01 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:09 p.m.

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**XX. ADJOURN**

On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn this evening's meeting at 9:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Board Secretary

Approved: