

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
March 27, 2013  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ATTENDANCE**

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chairman W. Schultz, Secretary C. Simonelli, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, N. DeSousa, G. Michna, R. Maynard, Student Representative Madison Carolus, and Superintendent T. Kane. Absent: Member R. Reichle

Also present: E. Dunn, E. Keleher, community members

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Awarding of Diplomas
- b. Modular Project Update
- c. 2013-2014 Calendar – Change in PreK Start Date
- d. Minutes – Budget Workshop – February 25, 2013
- e. Minutes – Budget Workshop – March 18, 2013
- f. Minutes – Budget Workshop – March 20, 2013

On a motion by W. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to add the agenda items, as presented. Vote: 8-0

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Michna, the Board voted to accept the minutes of March 13, 2013, as amended. Vote: 8-0

On a motion by G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to accept the minutes of February 25, 2013 (budget workshop). Vote: 8-0

On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to accept the minutes of March 18, 2013 (budget workshop). Vote: 8-0

On a motion by R. Maynard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to accept the minutes of March 25, 2013 (budget workshop). Vote: 8-0

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Madison Carolus updated the Board on news and events held at Broad Brook Elementary School, East Windsor Middle School, and East Windsor High School.

**VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT**

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to accept the Personnel Report. Vote 8-0

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Edward Dunn from TMS reported on the current financial status; the district is projected to finish the year with adequate funds, the spending freeze remains in effect and essential materials will be purchased. Detailed results can be viewed on the TMS website.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED**

a. Modification to 2012-2013 Calendar

Given the number of snow days, the Board may wish to modify the calendar so that students end school earlier in June. Dr. Kane provided the Board with the several options.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Simonelli, the Board approved the last day of school for students as June 24<sup>th</sup> (shortened day), and June 27<sup>th</sup> for staff. The April break is preserved. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

b. Modification to 2013-2014 Calendar - Dr. Kane asked that Preschool start at the same time as Kindergarten, September 10, 2013.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the start date for PreK classes as September 10<sup>th</sup>, as requested. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

a. FY14 Budget - Dr. Kane reported that this item will remain on the agenda until the referendum passes.

b. Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane informed the Board that due to the lateness of the legislature to appropriate funds for school construction, completion of our modular project will be delayed until the start of the 2014-2015 school year. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED**

Out-of-State Field Trip Request (EWMS) – A motion was made by W. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, and later rescinded by both.

After discussion, a motion was made by W. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber to table this item to the next agenda pending the receipt of information relative to the number of students and chaperones attending the field trip. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

Awarding of Diplomas – Dr. Kane shared a request from a Board member in another community to present the East Windsor High School diploma to his relative. The consensus was not to grant this request.

**XIV. LIAISONS' REPORT**

None

**XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Marie DeSousa, of 10 Rice Road, stated that she was taken aback by the comment regarding the delay in the modular project completion. She stated the need to revisit the contract with ModSpace relative to the maintenance clause for the modulars given the number of gas leaks. Dr. Kane reported there was only 1 small gas leak. R. Maynard called a "Point of Order." He reminded the Board of the written public participation guidelines. Chairman Mickey stated, "Point taken."

**XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

W. Schultz recommended that in the future the Board discuss modifications to the school calendar due to inclement weather, etc. earlier in the year. Dr. Kane suggested calendar discussion become a standing agenda item from January to April of each year.

K. Bilodeau commented on the recent approval for armed security guards in the Enfield Public Schools. She inquired if there was interest to do the same here. Dr. Kane informed the Board that she had discussed the issue with Chief DeMarco. Both were not in favor of implementing armed guards at our schools. Chief DeMarco will be asked to a subsequent Board meeting.

**XVII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Press Release – Internet Safety meeting – April 3, 2013
- Letter of response to Broad Brook SGC
- Letter to EW Athletic Club Re: Donation

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by W. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to go into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss a pending claim. Vote 8-0

Executive session ended at 9:10 p.m.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Schultz, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.  
Vote: 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli  
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

**Approved: 4/10/13**