

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, November 14, 2018
East Windsor High School – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

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

Also present: Dr. Patrick Tudryn

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes from October 24, 2018 as amended. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. Trull reported on district-wide Veterans Day activities and additional news and activities at all three schools.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

FY19 Budget – Dr. DeBarge reported the following:

- We are in receipt of the numbers for Special Education Choice reimbursement figures – there was an increase in revenue, which offsets the revenue lost for unfilled seats
- Special Education Department worked on excess costs, which will be a wash (does not affect deficit)
- Dr. DeBarge and Chair C. Simonelli will attend the 11/20 BOF meeting to outline the current district shortfall

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Update – Alliance District Grant Projects – The auxiliary gym project is being “buttoned up” and the close-out was submitted by the deadline.

X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. 2019-2020 Proposed EWPS Modified School Schedule – Start time for students will be adjusted By six minutes at EWMS to align them with the same session hours as our other two schools. Arrival will now be 8:10 a.m., instead of 8:04 a.m. as is their current arrival time. EWMS Staff can now conduct morning duties as per contract and not on a volunteer basis.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board accepted the proposed EWPS modified School schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. The vote was unanimous.

2. 2019-2020 EWPS School Calendar – Two versions of the calendar were presented for Consideration; Version A - includes students in session on Veterans Day, and Version B - excludes students in school on Veterans Day. (Some of our staff are or have family members that are veterans.)

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved Version A of the EWPS 2019-2020 School Calendar, including students in session on Veterans Day. The vote was Unanimous.

3. 2019 East Windsor Board of Education Meeting Schedule – On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the proposed 2019 BOE Meeting Schedule as presented. The Vote was unanimous.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Portrait of the Graduate (PoG) – Per the administration, we will move forward with this initiative as follows (which mirrors the work we have been doing as part of our Strategic Plan):

- Update families in December as to what goal of PoG is
- Outline our goal as to what our students will look like when they leave the district (personally and educationally)
- Conduct a survey (end of January/beginning of February) to obtain input from families
- Staff input will be obtained via staff meetings
- The PoG will be crafted as a result of all feedback
- BOE will vote to approve and it will be shared with the community

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

R. Reichle reported her attendance at the recent FRC meeting and shared their news and events.

K. Carey-Trull noted she did not attend the recent PTO meeting, but that she was made aware that they are in need of volunteers to help run the holiday stores. She also noted participation in fundraisers is low.

F. Neill reported her membership on the Conservation Commission and their recent vote to hire a paid secretary to conduct their meeting minutes. She also noted the Pension Board was still in the process of seeking a funds manager.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

W. Raber reported the recent passing of former Ellington Parks & Recreation Director, Robert Tedford.

N. DeSousa shared the noted confusion from BBES families relative to the drop-off time for the emergency day on 11/12.

Dr. C. DeBarge shared the following incentives made possible by Horace Mann/David Mosher:

- Sponsoring incentives to increase student attendance
- Participating in Donor's Choose to accept corporate donations for classroom supplies
- Crystal Apple – Recognizing a staff member that works to improve or maintain the climate in the school - Horace Mann will fund the cost for the crystal apple award to the staff member

N. DeSousa inquired what would happen to the early release day on Friday, should we have a snow day, delay, etc. Dr. DeBarge noted her thought would be to call a delay, bring students in late until their regular dismissal times, and reschedule parent/teacher conferences.

K. Bilodeau noted she saw “Patch Online” had a headline that said East Windsor had job openings. Turns out, it was a headline for jobs in East Windsor, New Jersey.

The Board commended the Journal Inquirer for their story on new East Windsor Middle School Principal, Tim Field.

S. Morgan noted the Women’s Auxiliary Pasta Dinner went well, as well as the Veterans Road Race. He also noted the middle school visit by the veterans will be rescheduled due to an emergency at the school on the morning of 11/12.

K. Bilodeau noted her church, Corner Stone Church will hold the “Cornerstone’s Great Christmas Tree Giveaway.” (100 trees to be donated to families in need in East Windsor and Enfield.)

Chair C. Simonelli noted her attendance at one of our football games. She noted how impressed she was by our coaches and student athletes for coming over to the fan stands and removing their helmets and acknowledging their presence.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. Letters: Donations/Commendations

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for a session this evening.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/28/18