

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
East Windsor High School - Library  
7:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair R. Reichle led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

In attendance: Chair R. Reichle, Vice Chair H. Spencer, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, D. Swaim, F. Neill, C. Sevarino, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, A. Paquette, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, Student Representative V. Hernandez, EWEA President E. Johnson, community members

Absent: W. Raber

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 22, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

R. Leach – RTC Chair, 39 Church Street, Broad Brook, noted the resignation of the former Chair, C. Simonelli, resulted in a vacancy which must be filled by the same party. Community member Anna Mangiafico submitted her resume as a candidate to fill the vacancy. The resume was not required by State Statute or our Bi-Laws, but was done so to confirm her commitment to serve in this capacity. This candidate was present at the May 12 BOE meeting. The Board requested to hold the vote to their next meeting on May 26. He stated it was the obligation of the Board to fill the vacancy and they did not vote this candidate for the position. He believes an apology is warranted to Ms. Mangiafico from the Board for their actions. He also stated it is believed the candidate was voted down as to keep the spot open until the next election, which is a violation of CT State Statute 170, 10-219. (He provided a hard copy of the statute to the Board members.)

N. DeSousa, 38 Perri Lane, noted she does not believe deceit was the reason the candidate was voted down and the position left unfilled.

**VII. SCHOOL REPORT**

Broad Brook Elementary School – L. Foxx/M. Ryan

**MATH INSTRUCTION AT BROAD BROOK SCHOOL:**

- Creating life-long learners
- Professional Development (PD)
- Ongoing PD and coaching
- Standards for Student Mathematical Practice
- Illustrative Math Lesson Format
- Lesson format overview
- Warm-up
- Activities
- Lesson Synthesis
- Cool Down
- Questions?

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

V. Hernandez shared the news and events at all three schools.

**IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided by HR Manager, R. McCarthy.

**X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A. Paquette reported the following:

- Spending is according to plan – Stable situation due to grants
- Local budget is charged first, then funds are replaced once grant funds are received
- Due to Hybrid/In-person/Remote learning during FY21, we had a surplus in each of the following line items: Regular education and special education transportation, stipends, special education tuition, Kelly sub services
- We are focused on using funds on technology, maintenance/custodial needs, food service

**XI. CURRICULUM REPORT**

D. Rouillard provided an update on the following:

- Educator Guidelines for Teacher Evaluation 21-22 School Year Only
- I-Ready Diagnostic Assessments
- Review of District Plan and Link to Portrait of the Graduate

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. FY20 Budget
2. FY21 Budget

Dr. P. Tudryn reported these two items were discussed during the “Financial Report” section of the agenda and that there was no vote needed this evening.

3. Filling a Board Vacancy- Chair R. Reichle noted the resignation of former BOE member, S. Andrews created a vacancy on the Board. According to State Statute 170, section 10-219, it is the obligation of the Board to fill this vacancy held by a republican candidate. She noted resumes from community members Anna Mangiafico and Nicole Vacila were received as interested candidates to fill the position. The vacancy left by C. Simonelli ends in November. The vacancy left by S. Andrews is a 2-year vacancy.

First Selectman, J. Bowsza, present in the audience, noted the November ballot was reviewed by the Secretary of State’s Office, including two, 2-year terms to be elected in November. It was approved as submission by our Town Clerk’s Office to the Secretary of State’s Office.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to table the “Filling a Board Vacancy” item to later in the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

4. EWPS 2021-2022 School Calendar Update

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to align the February vacation with President’s Day. The vote was unanimous.

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Re-Entry Update – Dr. P. Tudryn reported the following:

- There have been no significant changes to the last reporting - We are still awaiting an update via the Governor’s Addendum #7, but have yet to receive it since August
- The positive COVID numbers are low – Our largest impact is at BBS where students are unvaccinated – Quarantine numbers average 30 students weekly at BBS
- One staff member opted for an early retirement due to the vaccination mandate

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition Authorized Signatures Change Form – On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the Authorization Signatures Change Form to include Dr. P. Tudryn as an authorized signer of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. The vote was unanimous.
2. 2021-2022 Teacher Evaluation Flexibilities  
On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board approved the flexibilities for teacher evaluations for the 2021-2022 school year. The vote was unanimous.

**XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XVI. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jeff Ostrout, 2 Rye Street, spoke to the negativity posted on social media by a candidate interested in the BOE vacancy and his hope that this type of person would not be voted onto the Board.

Marie DeSousa, 2 Rice Road, mentioned that if it weren't for the posted agenda, she wouldn't have known there was going to be a vote for new BOE candidates this evening, and she would have done her due diligence to research this action.

Rich LeBorious, DTC Chair, 16 Church Street, noted endorsing a candidate does not obligate the Board to vote for the candidate. He also stated the State Statute does not have a time limit on when the Board "shall" appoint a candidate to fill a vacancy. His final note was that legal advisement does not fit under FOI for this item.

Nichole DeSousa, 38 Perri Lane, made the recommendation to leave the term of service out of the vote if voting on the candidate this evening.

**XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**The Board revisited Unfinished Business: Vote: Filling a Board Vacancy.**

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Spencer, the Board voted to fill the vacancy with a vote, whether verbal or ballot. The vote was 4 yes, 2 no. (K. Carey-Trull and D. Swaim voted in opposition.)

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Spencer, the Board voted, via roll call vote, to nominate Anna Mangiafico to fill the vacancy on the Board: H. Spencer – yes, K. Carey-Trull – no, F. Neill – yes, C. Sevarino – no, D. Swaim – no, R. Reichle – yes. The vote was 3-3.

Dr. P. Tudryn noted the ESSER Grant items and CIP projects were included in the BOE meeting packet, as requested at the September 22 meeting.

**XIX. CORRESPONDENCE**

Enrollment

**XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for an executive session this evening.

**XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Spencer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Board Recording Secretary

Approved: 10/27/21