

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
February 10, 2016
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

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

Also present: E. Keleher, H. Thomas, BOE Student Representative D. Couture, BOS Liaison D. Nelson

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board approved the January 27, 2016 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

D. Nelson noted she was working on a joint meeting between the BOF and BOE and also reported her receipt of the encumbrance policy from Dr. Kane.

VII. SCHOOL REPORT – East Windsor High School

Ms. H. Thomas outlined the March 2 testing schedule, while Mr. E. Keleher provided a NEASC update.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

D. Couture reported on news and events at all three schools.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reviewed the two-week timeline provided to Board members. The project is on schedule and the 4-unit classrooms are expected to be delivered next week.
- b. Alliance District School Buildings Grant – Dr. Kane reported her receipt of verbal approval on our second grant submission, with funding to be expended by September 2016. The only non-qualifying item for approval in our submission was the window abatement as there is another funding source we could use to fund this project, i.e. Town or CIP funding with the balance absorbed by our budget. She reviewed the list of windows that will require abatement.

Dr. Kane reported they are exploring the feasibility of relocating the BBES nurse's office (flipping the nurse's office with the current administrative/conference suite).

- c. Foreign Language Trip – The Board previously voted to approve this year's Foreign Language trip to Costa Rica. Costa Rica has earned a second tier alert on the CDC website for the Zika Virus. Dr. Kane reported a detailed letter recommended by CDC would be going home to parents of students attending the trip informing them of the warnings and disease transmittal.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Out-of-State Field Trip – National Wrestling Tournament in Virginia Beach, VA – On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the trip as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. Course Approvals/Changes:
 - a. General Psychology (Running a full-year course now, but would like to split it into 2 courses; one Behavioral Psychology and the other regular Psychology – same curriculum.)
 - b. UA Course Selection (Same courses, but the process will change - placement of classes will be based on when paperwork is returned for this class.) Discussion ensued relative to the student selection process for this course.
 - c. Unified Physical Education (9-12) (This course will replace the current Adaptive PE class.)On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the course changes as presented. The vote was unanimous.
3. EWPS Strategic Plan – Dr. Kane reported we are ahead of schedule and have accomplished the majority of the goals, some remain ongoing. Typically, we meet two times a year to review the Plan. She requested the Board's preference to meet to review the current Plan or move ahead and meet to work on a new one. It was the consensus of the Board to meet to review the document again before making a decision to move on.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Policy 1325 – Advertising (1st reading) – The Board reviewed the policy presented in their packet. This item will be placed on their next meeting agenda for a 2nd reading and vote.
2. PreK Program Update – This item was tabled to the next meeting agenda in Dr. DeBarge's absence.
3. 2014-2015 Connecticut Educator Evaluation Data – This item was also tabled to the next meeting agenda in Dr. DeBarge's absence.

XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

Chair C. Simonelli, BOS liaison, reported her attendance at the recent BOS meeting. She noted at that meeting D. Nelson reported her attempt to gather a meeting between the BOF and BOE in a small setting to iron out negative perceptions. Dr. Kane informed the Board she will be meeting with the Town Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, along with A. Paquette, Dr. Michna, C. Simonelli and BOF Chair J. Corso, during their next scheduled monthly meeting between the BOE/Treasurer on February 17 at 1:00 p.m.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Kane reported the Board of her recent visit by First Selectman R. Maynard to inform her of the upcoming home show that will be held in the old Walmart building in town on March 12 & 13. His intent is to host a display at the home show to showcase the town and schools.

N. DeSousa and D. Nelson reported on the Winter Gala for Abbey's Helping Hand this coming Saturday at Maneeley's.

D. Nelson offered a spare copy of the encumbrance policy provided to her by Dr. Kane and approved by the BOS on 6/17/14 and put into effect on 6/18/14.

N. DeSousa inquired if the student assembly on drug use took place due to the snow day. She was informed the reschedule date is March 4.

D. Swaim inquired how snow days/early release days affect staff contracts.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendar of Events
2. BBES Newsletter
3. EWMS *Wildcat*
4. Enrollment
5. Correspondence to EW Building Committee Re: Alliance District School Buildings Grant projects

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to enter executive session at 9:16 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

W. Raber left the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:39 p.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 1/24/16