

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
April 8, 2015
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – EWHS Auditorium**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

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

Also present: H. Thomas, T. Osoimalo, P. Kokofsky, M. Maltese and community members

IV. VISITATION – Limerick Contest Winners

Ms. Maltese the 2015 EW Park and Recreation Limerick Contest winners to the Board:
Gabryella Guzie, Grade 1 (in attendance at this evening's meeting)
Lorenzo Resto, Grade 4 (not in attendance due to another commitment)
Martin Resto – Grade 8 (not in attendance due to another commitment)

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the addition of Progress Report Update to the New Business: Discussion portion of the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 25, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

D. Couture reported on recent and upcoming school and community events.

IX. SCHOOL REPORT

East Windsor High School - Ms. Thomas provided an overview of the district-wide Safe School Climate Club initiative:

- Purpose
- Goals
- Potential Safe School Climate Club Members

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

1. BBES Modular Project Update – Dr. DeBarge spoke to the brief EW Building Committee meeting on April 7 whereat the Building Committee voted to bring forward to the Board of Finance the amount of \$6.5M for the modular project. The Board of Selectmen will confirm the date of the referendum at their next meeting as well as determine whether it will be held with the budget referendum or separately.
2. FY16 Budget – C. Simonelli and Dr. DeBarge provided a recap of the April 6 Board of Finance budget workshop. A 4.98% budget increase will be brought forward at referendum.
3. Educator & Administrator Evaluation Updates – Dr. DeBarge outlined the recommended changes to the teacher evaluation instrument for approval by the state.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the changes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

1. Healthy Food Certification – The Connecticut State Department of Education requires a vote by the Board to confirm we are in compliance with the healthy food nutrition guidelines. P. Kokofsky reported the district receives \$.10 per meal served as certified participants of the program.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board confirmed our participation as outlined in the current guidelines. The vote was unanimous.

2. E-Rate Board Resolution – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2015-2016. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2015-2016 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services. The vote was unanimous.
3. New Course Approvals – Dr. DeBarge reviewed the new requested courses, some of which are continuous of courses already in place:

- 2 Career Tech Courses
- 2 Language Courses – 1 at EWMS, 1 at EWHS
- SAT Prep Course
- Job Shadow Course

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the new course offerings as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

Progress Report Update - In an effort to encourage parents to access our district website and educational links, we are proposing sending Progress Reports out in electronic format to engage parents to access their Edline account and emphasize the importance of updating parent/guardian email addresses. These will be distributed four times per year, as in past practice.

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORT

None

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

N. DeSousa provided kudos to K. Hellerich for also attending the recent BOF budget workshop. Dr. DeBarge shared a copy of the article published in the April 7 publication of the *Journal Inquirer* relative to the budget workshop.

Dr. DeBarge noted she was contacted by the Broad Brook Fire Department for permission to have a fire apparatus present outside at Broad Brook Elementary School during the Father/Daughter Dance to promote fire awareness.

She also reported her attendance at the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 7. Conversation on the East Windsor Youth Center steered away from utilizing space at EWHS due to availability and usage constraints. Consideration for use of the Town Hall Annex was also discussed. The Board of Education may have involvement, but will not provide the venue. She also shared that discussion ensued relative to the adoption of an ordinance regarding the election of Board of Education members. This would ultimately give voters more of a choice of people to vote on.

S. Morgan reported his attendance at the American Legion Clam Bake on April 3 and the PTO Parents Night Out on March 28.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollment*Calendars of Events*BBES Newsletter

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for this session this evening.

XIX. ADJOURN

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Catherine Simonelli
Board Secretary

Approved: 4/29/15