

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
June 11, 2014  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Auditorium**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:37 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, R. Raber, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, R. Reichle and Superintendent Dr. T. Kane. Absent: Dr. G. Michna, S. Morgan

Also present: EWPS Administrative Team and community members

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Simonelli, the Board approved the minutes from the May 28, 2014 meeting with the included amendments. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no student representative in attendance at this evening's meeting.

**VIII. SCHOOL REPORT – East Windsor High School**

Mr. Jason Smith reported on the recent 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition activities:

1. Peer Facilitators met with 4<sup>th</sup> graders at BBES
2. 4<sup>th</sup> grade students toured EWMS
3. Parent Night for 4<sup>th</sup> graders @ EWMS

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. Bid Award – Mr. Labrie reported receipt of two bids for the BBES modular project. Both bids were both substantially over budget. He noted they met with the low bidder today and will meet with the other bidder on Friday. The first low bid was in the amount of \$4million. Our contract budget is \$3.2million. He will provide an update on the process as the information becomes available.
2. FY15 Budget Update/Referendum Results – Dr. Kane provided a recap of the FY15 BOE Budget Information sheet as previously presented to the Board, outlining the approved reductions, as well as the additional reductions as a result of the vote.

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The following inquiries and discussion items ensued:

1. The number of special education support staff that would be remaining at EWMS due to the reductions. Dr. Tudryn informed the Board there would be 1 tutor and 3 paraprofessionals remaining at EWMS.
2. Replacement for the .5 reading teacher at BBES
3. Replacement of HS reading & math tutors

Dr. Kane noted the BOE voted at a previous meeting to eliminate the nurse's suite project due to budget constraints. The project did not need to be eliminated as the \$69,500 for the project is still available in the budget. She recommends the Board reinstate the nurse's suite project. It was the opinion of some Board members to leave the nurse's suite on hold in order to preserve the jobs of the special education tutors and other positions. The current nurse's office is not ADA compliant and may result in a complaint being filed with the state. This item will be tabled until the administrative team has the opportunity to review the issue and give a recommendation to the Board.

Dr. Kane informed the BOE that the EWHS business teacher position remains in the FY15 budget and will provide job shadow and internship services to the students next year. At the next BOE meeting the reason for the position retention will be discussed.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Raber, the Board tabled the remaining budget decisions until items have gone before the administration and brought back to the Board. The vote was unanimous.

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the reinstatement of the following positions: The vote was unanimous

- .5 Band Teacher
- BB LPN
- EWMS (now EWHS) Reading Teacher
- EWHS Library Media Specialist
- BB Social Worker
- EWMS Intervention Tutors
- EWHS .6 Guidance Counselor
- HS Drama Stipend
- Tech Director Stipend
- Partial Supplies Drama/Newspaper

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

FY14 Budget – TMS provided an update on the district’s financial status. There are less than 1% of budget funds remaining. As of today, there is a potential budget balance of \$34,997.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. Coach of the Year – Ms. Karen Drake has been named the 2014 Class S Softball Coach of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. Ms. Drake has been the softball coach at East Windsor High School for the past 34 years. She will be honored at the annual All-State banquet held at the Aqua Turf in Southington on June 23 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Spring STAR results – Dr. DeBarge provided a summary of the May 2014 district-wide data for all three schools including:
  - Literacy/Reading
  - Math
  - Celebrations
  - Urgent Facts
  - Next Steps

An inquiry was made by an audience member as to if the 80% benchmark is an East Windsor benchmark or a state benchmark.

Another inquiry was made relative to the number of high school students that are being retained.

**XIII. LIAISONS’ REPORTS**

None

**XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XV. MISCELLANEOUS**

W. Raber noted how nice it was to see good news in the Journal Inquirer, referring to a picture of two of our students.

N. DeSousa stated how impressed she was with the EWHS guest speaker, former professional basketball player, Chris Herren, this week. Mr. Keleher reiterated and spoke to Mr. Herren’s struggle battling drugs over the years. The speaking engagement was very powerful & moving.

C. Simonelli noted the Boys 4x1 Track won the Class S championship. She mentioned Spring Sports Awards Night is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Mr. Keleher reminded Board members that EWHS Class of 2014 graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m., at Maneeley's. C. Simonelli piggy-backed his statement by informing the Board and community the Safe School substance free party will take place at Nomad's after graduation, commencing at 10:00 p.m.

**XVI. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Calendar of Events
2. EWMS *Wildcat*
3. BBES Newsletter
4. District Enrollment

**XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter into executive session relative to the superintendent's evaluation. The vote was unanimous. The time was 9:25 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:56 p.m.

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to meet past 10:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter back into executive session at 9:56 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:54 p.m.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn. The time was 10:43 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Catherine Simonelli  
Secretary

**Approved: June 25, 2014**