

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
March 13, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, W. Raber, R. Maynard, K. Bilodeau, Randi Reichle, and Superintendent T. Kane. Also present were Student Representative Mallory Norman and BB Assistant Principal T. Duenzl. Absent: Secretary C. Simonelli, Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the minutes of February 27, 2013. Vote: 6-0

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation at this time.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mallory Norman updated the Board on upcoming events and news at the schools. Broad Brook students in grades 3 and 4 are taking the CMT. They are putting forth a lot of effort. Testing will be completed the week of the 18th. Kindergarteners will be attending a field trip on Thursday to the Library, Fire Department, and Police Department in Warehouse Point. The field trip will allow them to learn more about our community helpers.

The EWMS is also taking the CMT. Students have been earning raffle tickets by being responsible and productive during the testing period. The Drama Club will perform the production of "Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit" on Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the EWMS auditorium. The students have been working really hard to bring this play "to life."

The EWHS girls' basketball team tournament run ended last Saturday in the State Semi-finals. Their terrific season is credited to their hard work, coaches, and support from the

school and town. Congratulations go out to them and their coaches. CAPT testing is almost complete and has been proceeding very smoothly. The National Honor Society induction ceremony has been rescheduled to April 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., at EWHS. The Drama Department is proud to present “Almost Maine” on March 22nd & 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The EWHS is proud to host an Internet Safety presentation by Sgt. Rich McKeon, Computer Forensic Unit of the Glastonbury Police Department. This parent information session will be held on April 3, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. in the EWHS auditorium. Sgt. McKeon will present information regarding social media and internet safety. Specific topics will include: cyber bullying; texting and sexting; social networking; and app use and electronic device safety. This program has been organized by the East Windsor Police Department in coordination with the EWPS. Due to the nature of this program, we are asking that parents attend without their children. However, childcare will be provided during the presentation by the East Windsor PTO.

N. DeSousa joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

As an update to the last Student Representative Report on February 27, 2013, Dr. Kane reported that she received the recommendation by the insurance company not to initiate waivers relative to our student athletes running on the roads, as waivers do not hold up in court. They advised us to use the track. The District will investigate other options for use of an indoor track.

VIII. CURRICULUM REPORT

There was no report presented this evening.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Videotaping BOE Meetings – Dr. Kane informed the BOE that videotaping of meetings will start at their next meeting, March 27, 2013. EWHS students will videotape as part of their class curriculum.

- XI. Healthy Food Certification** – The District is currently following the Healthy Food Standards for our Lunch and Breakfast Programs. The Food Service Department is requesting that the District also follow the Healthy Food Certification requirement to be eligible to receive the extra \$.10 per meal served. The BOE would need to vote to identify and confirm we are meeting the requirement. The Food Service Department would benefit by the additional funding. Dr. Kane recommends the BOE support this initiative.

Discussion ensued relative to the details of the District’s current fundraising initiatives and how this certification would possibly affect those initiatives.

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On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the request as presented. Vote: 7-0

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Broad Brook Welcoming School Initiative Survey – T. Duenzl was present to address any questions or concerns posed by the Board. Discussion ensued in the areas of improvement, potential remedies, physical and safety concerns, and student surroundings. These will be brought to the attention of Chief DeMarco of the East Windsor Police Department at the next District Safety Committee meeting. It was reported that 158 family surveys were completed and returned to the school. Dr. Kane informed the Board that the District received \$12,000 as part of an immigration grant to allow us to investigate translation options, which will enable all families to participate in future surveys. She also stated the need to look at any survey as only an indicator. Dr. Kane will provide a written response to the Broad Brook SGC confirming that the BOE acknowledges their concerns and will work with them toward a resolution.

XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

W. Schultz inquired if Room N4 would be available for the next Curriculum Council meeting on March 27.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

W. Schultz reported that he received three calls regarding the accumulated number of snow days. Parents are inquiring if days would be taken from the April break to accommodate for the additional days used beyond the five that were built into the calendar. Dr. Kane reported the last day of school, as of now, is June 26th. By state requirements, we have up until June 30th to complete the school year. The 2013-2014 School Calendar will be amended to include information relative to the last day of school.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Broad Brook *Monthly Parent Newsletter*
2. *The Wildcat*
3. East Windsor Adult Education Winter 2013 Session Guide
4. Calendar of Events
5. Common Core Standards Workshop brochure

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to go into executive session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss a pending claim. Vote: 7-0

Executive session ended at 8:30 p.m.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 3/27/13