

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
July 13, 2016
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

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

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, R. Baker, L. Foxx, J. Giuliano, BOS Liaison, D. Nelson, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Required Price Increase – School Lunch Program

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the added agenda item as presented. The vote was unanimous.

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the June 22, 2016 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the June 27, 2016 special meeting/executive session minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jason Bowza, 34 Rye Street, spoke about recruiting students to stay within the East Windsor Public Schools. He offered his assistance in promoting the good things happening in the district. He also spoke about the preliminary details of the upcoming 250th East Windsor Celebration.

D. Swaim joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

a. FY17 Budget – Mr. Paquette outlined the changes to the initial FY17 budget since the referendum.

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to accept the FY17 budget as presented.

b. Summer Meeting Schedule – Dr. Kane informed the Board of the need to meet on August 10th to inform them of the roll-out of the new parent portal and provide an update on the progress of the BBES Modular Project. She does not see the need to hold a meeting on July 27, 2016.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to cancel the July 27, 2016 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project – L. Foxx provided a slideshow presentation on the project progress. J. Giuliano reported the four-unit interior is complete and the ten-unit final cleaning is scheduled at the end of the week. The dumpster pad was changed and the sidewalk and stairwell by the ten-unit is being completed, followed by landscaping. They do not anticipate any delays in the receipt of the occupancy certificate. Project completion is thought to be by the end of the month.
- b. Alliance Grant Projects – R. Baker provided the following updates on the grant projects:

- Bathrooms demolished and abated
- Foundation excavated for vestibule
- Floor tile in office is scheduled for abatement
- Kitchen work is due to start next week
- Oil tank has been removed
- Boiler conversion is underway
- Lockers are in place
- Contract for air conditioning will be signed next week

J. Sauerhoefer reported the window project is outstanding. The cost for the window abatement will be brought to CIP for approval. (The grant will not pay for the abatement.) There is a 12-14 week lead time for windows.

Dr. Kane thanked J. Sauerhoefer, J. Giuliano, L. Foxx, and R. Baker for their professionalism and efforts with all projects.

- c. Budget/End-of-Year- A. Paquette reported the June 30th purchase order date was met. They will be returning \$0 to the Town. He provided kudos to Central Services personnel, L. Slate, C. Norton, and M. Thomas for their assistance in wrapping up the school year purchase procedures. He informed the Board we received payment from Hartford after the close of the fiscal year for services we provided. Currently, we are not able to carry over funds and must return them to the Town. He will be meeting with the Town Treasurer on July 14th to discuss this and to start preliminary work on the upcoming audit.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. AT&T Grant Application – In order to submit this application (\$5,000 competitive grant to support the special education Transition Program) we must provide the employment of each BOE member.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the superintendent to provide BOE member employment for inclusion in the AT&T grant application as required. The vote was unanimous.

2. Required Price Increase – School Lunch Program – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board moved that the per-meal price for full-cost school lunches be \$3.00 starting with the 2016-2017 school year. The vote was 8-1. (K. Bilodeau voted in opposition.)

X. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

None

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

S. Morgan noted his appreciation for the participation at Don's Auto car wash fundraiser that raised \$300 to fund the East Windsor War Memorial.

K. Bilodeau shared a conversation she had with a Hartford educator wherein the educator mentioned the lack of staff, services, security support, etc. in their district. Our school district should be proud of what we are able to provide our students.

N. DeSousa shared a conversation her daughter had with another BBES student commending one of our teachers.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

Calendars of Events

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open session and to discuss a pending claim. The vote was unanimous.

S. Morgan left the session at 8:50 p.m.

S. Morgan returned to the session at 9:00 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:29 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Approved: