

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
June 17, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Cafeteria**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, G. Michna, R. Maynard, R. Reichle, and Superintendent T. Kane.

Also present: Andy Paquette and Mark Chapulis (TMS), C. DeBarge, E. Keleher, H. Thomas, W. Gage, K. Hellerich, J. Smith, L. Foxx, T. Osoimalo, and community members

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cathy Mosher spoke of her concerns relative to the future of the computer lab at Broad Brook School due to her move to East Windsor Middle School.

N. DeSousa read a letter on behalf of Andrea McKinstry (188 Scantic Road) relative to her opinion on budget cuts. She asked not to cut faculty, to provide more newsletters, and not to continue having year-end surplus's because it looks bad.

Community members in the audience complained about the noise level in the cafeteria due to the air conditioner. After a short recess, it was determined that the system could not be turned off due to the fact it is run on a timer.

Michael Bahl inquired about the amount of the surplus.

Linda Lanz stated her concern that we will never be able to re-instate cut positions.

Bea Corrado requested to use caution when estimating funding so as to avoid future issues, check teacher salaries when determining cuts, and with on-line testing approaching what are we going to do at BBS in regards to Computers Special?

Mr. Paquette provided an overview of the budget close-out process.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to delay the vote on Unfinished Business so that they could open up the second part of Public Participation and consider further questions and/or concerns. The vote was unanimous.

Sharon Peck, President, East Windsor Education Association, stated her support of Dr. Kane's recommendation and thanked her for her efforts in this process.

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W. Raber asked Ms. Peck if the union voted to support the cuts or if she made the statement on her own behalf. Mrs. Peck responded that the statement was her own.

Laurie Desrosiers (101 Reservoir Road) posed her concerns with the technicalities as to why this error occurred.

Jason Bowsza, Chair, East Windsor Board of Finance, commended the Board for being in the position they are in. He urged them to know what the numbers are before they vote.

Stacy Willey (19 Perry Lane) posed her concerns with possible scheduling issues with the computer labs at Broad Brook School and also with the increased class sizes.

Jennifer Osborn (Wesley Road) suggested the elimination of the Assistant Superintendent position and also the elimination of tech employees who could be replaced by high school student interns.

Denise Friedman stated her concern with another hard freeze for next year.

R. Maynard removed himself from the Board table and joined the audience. He stated his appreciation for all the comments presented this evening.

Jerilyn Corso inquired if this was the first East Windsor budget cycle for The Management Solution. Dr. Kane stated it was their first budget cycle. Ms. Corso then asked if they were on board for the close of last year. Dr. Kane answered in the affirmative.

After further discussion, a motion was made by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by C. Simonelli to approve the FY14 budget as presented with the revised reduction list. The vote was 4-4-1. (In favor: C. Mickey, C. Simonelli, W. Schultz, K. Bilodeau; Opposed: R. Reichle, W. Raber, N. DeSousa, G. Michna; Abstention: R. Maynard)

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to accept the revised proposed reduction list presented by the superintendent and provided in the email dated June 16, 2013. The vote was 5-4. (In favor: C. Mickey, W. Schultz, C. Simonelli, K. Bilodeau, R. Maynard; Opposed: W. Raber, N. DeSousa, G. Michna, R. Reichle)

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: