

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 24, 2018  
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 R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, N. DeSousa, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge

Absent: S. Morgan, D. Swaim

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, Student Representative, L. Trull, A. Paquette, EWEA President, J. Jette

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board approved the October 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

L. Trull shared the news and activities at all three schools.

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the most recent report provided in their packet.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dr. DeBarge & A. Paquette updated the Board regarding the current \$364,191.76 district anticipated budget shortfall (hand-out made part of the record):

- Budget impact for FY18
- Changes after FY18 budget was finalized/voted
- Change in expulsion program requirements/costs

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- Cost for students attending Out of District Day School programs that moved into East Windsor Public Schools during the year
- Tuition/transportation costs for students who moved into district in the summer of 2017
- Cost for Out of District placement by DCF
- Cost of Out of District placement by EWPS
- Exceeded substitute teacher coverage line due to medical/maternity leaves, personnel matters, typical use of personal/sick time
- Approximately 18 students moved into district that were already attending a magnet school
- Cost of special education services for students attending magnet schools
- Students who moved into the district last year who were already attending out of district special education placements (impact from last year carried over to this year)
- Students who moved in since the start of this school year who attend out of district placements
- Budget freeze put into effect last year and has carried over to this school year
- Needed repairs since the start of this school year
- \$160,000 in Choice grant funds from FY16 and approximately \$170,000 that was available for supplies for this school year were used to pay for budget shortfall last year

She provided options in which to offset the deficit, which included:

- Use anticipated Excess Cost and Choice reimbursements
- Address the list of proposed cuts
- Go to the Town and ask for an added appropriation

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to go to the BOF with the deficit update and request an added appropriation.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

FY19 Budget – This item was discussed during the Financial Update.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Updates:

1. BBES Modular Project – Dr. DeBarge reported all we needed was to confirm the close-out of the business aspect of the grant.
2. Alliance District School Building Grant – Dr. DeBarge reported the work on the auxiliary gym project is coming to an end. We are looking to close-out the project by the 10/31 deadline.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

### Overnight Field Trip Requests

1. EWHS to American International College, Springfield, MA – On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to approve the annual trip to American International College. The vote was unanimous.
2. EWHS to Washington, DC – On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the annual Close-Up trip to Washington, DC. The vote was unanimous.

## **XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Proposal for Middle School Basketball – Mr. Szymanski, President, East Windsor Youth Basketball, recently met with Dr. DeBarge and Dr. Tudryn inquiring if the Board of Education could offset the cost if they raised funds for a pilot basketball program at the middle school. The total cost would be approximately \$9,300; \$2,300 of which would be funded by the Board of Education, if approved.

Dr. DeBarge and Chair C. Simonelli noted the timing was tough. The Board appreciates the generosity by the East Windsor Youth Basketball Association, but with the current deficit on their plate, it is difficult to consider their proposal at this time.

## **XIV. LIAISON REPORTS**

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance at the 10/11 PTO meeting. She shared the upcoming events and noted they are seeking volunteers to work the PTO Holiday Stores. Her final note was that they are collecting box tops through Friday.

F. Neill reported her attendance at the recent BOF meeting. She noted the BOS will hold a forum on 12/6 to discuss Charter revisions.

She also reported her attendance at last night's EWMS Music meeting for parents. She noted they are looking to split the annual Six Flags field trip between the 4 grades due to the number of student participants.

S. Morgan reported his attendance at the recent BOS meeting. He noted his disappointment and the disappointment from many community members relative to the comments made by the First Selectman and Deputy First Selectman.

## **XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. DeBarge noted Journal Inquirer Reporter, Anthony Branciforte, was present in the district today to cover our Unity Day activities. He was invited to return on 11/12 to cover our Veterans Day events.

K. Carey-Trull and F. Neill noted they were both able to attend the Portrait of a Graduate conference on 10/25.

S. Morgan noted the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Road Race will take place on 11/10 at 10:00 a.m.

He also mentioned there would be a Pasta Dinner at Warehouse Point Fire Station on 11/9 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

His final comment was to announce 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration merchandise is available for sale at Town Hall and the Warehouse Point Library.

**XVII. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Calendars of Events
2. Donation letter to EWYB

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for a session this evening.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/14/18