

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
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**
In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, A. Paquette, A. Trull, BOE Student Representative, L. Foxx, T. Field, C. Bava, E. Keleher, D. Staron, J. Jette, EWEA President
- IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**
None
- V. MINUTES**
On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes from January 23, 2019 as presented. The vote was unanimous.
- VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
- VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
A. Trull shared the district news and activities.
- VIII. SCHOOL REPORT**
East Windsor Middle School - T. Field and D. Staron shared an overview of the East Windsor Middle School Intramural Sports.
- IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**
The Board reviewed the most recent report provided in their packet.
- X. FINANCIAL UPDATE**
Dr. DeBarge was pleased to report the decrease in the current anticipated shortfall as \$267,255. The deficit is decreasing due to cautious spending.
- XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**
FY19 Budget – This item was discussed under the Financial Update.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

FY20 Budget Deliberations

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to proceed with last week's report that was presented to the BOF at a 9% budget increase. The vote was 5-4. (Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, N. DeSousa, and K. Carey-Trull voted in opposition.)

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board voted to negate the previous vote. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed potential eliminations to the FY20 budget:

- \$98,977 – savings due to a retirement and non-fulfillment of the position due to the lack of need
- \$3,000 – reduction in postage fees
- \$10,000 – reduce STAR testing services and use our own accountability standards
- \$25,500 – savings by converting middle school teaching position that is no longer needed to a much-needed social worker position
- \$3,050 – funding request no longer exists for the purchase of drums and xylophone as they were recently funded by the EW PTO
- \$48,000 – increased revenue projections for Choice seats
- \$3,149 – elimination of UELP stipend
- \$1,793 – elimination of JV wrestling coach stipend

These aforementioned costs reduced our request to an approximate 8% budget increase to the BOF.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to move forward with the request for a \$25,465,475 budget proposal (8.6% increase) to the BOF. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

None

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

S. Morgan noted the upcoming retirement of Marlene Bauer from the Town Planning Department and the planned retirement party in her honor on April 26, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Nutmeg Restaurant.

It was also noted that Linda Sinsigallo was also retiring from Town Hall service in March.

Dr. C. DeBarge informed the Board that she assured all staff that the Board loathes the prospect of cutting any staff/programs that impact the instructional integrity of the district.

J. Jette, EWEA President, noted the Association appreciates all support provided by the Board.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendars of Events
2. Student Commendation Letters

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for a session this evening.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: