

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

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I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, W. Raber, D. Swaim, F. Neill, C. Sevarino, Dr. C. DeBarge

Also in attendance: Dr. P. Tudryn, student representative R. Syme, EWEA President J. Jette, community members

Absent: S. Andrews

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

1. May 7, 2020 Special Meeting/Executive Session Minutes

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows:

K. Carey-Trull – yes, W. Raber – yes, F. Neill – yes, R. Reichle – yes, D. Swaim – yes, Courtney Sevarino – yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 7 yes, 0 no.

2. May 11, 2020 – Special Meeting/Executive Session Minutes

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board voted to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows:

K. Carey-Trull – yes, W. Raber – yes, F. Neill – yes, R. Reichle – yes, D. Swaim – yes, Courtney Sevarino – yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 7 yes, 0 no.

3. May 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows:

K. Carey-Trull – yes, W. Raber – yes, F. Neill – yes, R. Reichle – yes, D. Swaim – yes, Courtney Sevarino – yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 7 yes, 0 no.

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

R. Syme shared the news and events at all three schools.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. FY20 Budget – Dr. DeBarge reported the following:

- End-of-Year close-out of purchase orders is underway
- Monitoring expenditures & unanticipated costs
- Looking at purchasing materials for the start of school, i.e. PPE (personal protection equipment)

Discussion ensued relative to some of the types of materials that have been recommended for the start of school: masks, gloves, touchless faucets, touchless entry doors, plexiglass for work areas, surgical masks, face shields for necessary staff, hand sanitizer, infrared thermometers, etc. The \$160,000 we will receive in CARES Act funds will be used to address these supplies.

2. FY21 Budget – There were no updates to provide.

S. Andrews joined the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

K. Carey-Trull requested confirmation as to the number of custodians we employ (12) and whether they are full-time or part-time, as well as if the Facilities Manager position is included in that number. Dr. DeBarge noted that she could not confirm that inquiry being she did not have that information at hand. She also noted that the salary included in the budget was for the individual who will be leaving the district. The position/budget will depend on how the position is filled.

D. Swaim inquired about the remaining reductions the Board may have to make (\$50+,000) to the FY21 budget. Dr. DeBarge shared she just settled the bus contract for the remainder of this school year with Smyth Bus. We will receive a credit for transportation services next year, rather than this year. That credit will cover the additional reductions the Board may have had to make. She also noted she has requested a meeting with Smyth Bus associates to discuss summer transport, if necessary, and also plans for the next school year according to pending state guidelines.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

BOE Summer Meeting Schedule – Chair C. Simonelli noted the calendar will remain as is. Being we are awaiting guidance from the state relative to re-entry for the coming school year, and we are unsure as to when that will occur, we will keep the summer meetings as posted and cancel, if necessary, at a later date.

K. Carey-Trull inquired if the date of the last day of school, June 18, would change. Dr. DeBarge confirmed June 18 would be the last day of school, the 180th school day for students, and that electronic devices would be collected shortly before that date.

K. Carey-Trull also recommenced it would be best to allow live public participation in these zoom meetings, as was done prior at our regular meetings.

C. Simonelli noted it was her intention to allow such participation going forward, and apologized for the oversight in communicating such for this meeting. It will be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As noted on the agenda, those wishing to make public comment were invited to email them to Board Chair C. Simonelli prior to this evening's meeting. No comments were received.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted at 8:12 p.m. to enter into executive session to present the superintendent's evaluation. The vote was as follows: K. Carey-Trull – yes, W. Raber – yes, F. Neill – yes, R. Reichle – yes, D. Swaim – yes, Courtney Sevarino – yes, S. Andrews – yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 8 yes, 0 no.

Dr. C. DeBarge joined the Board in their session.

The board came out of executive session at 9:01 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The vote was as follows: K. Carey-Trull – yes, W. Raber – yes, F. Neill – yes, R. Reichle – yes, D. Swaim – yes, Courtney Sevarino – yes, S. Andrews – yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 8 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull
Board Secretary

Approved: 6/10/20