

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
February 7, 2017
BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Cafeteria**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 6:49 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, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Dr. T. Kane Absent: Secretary R. Reichle, S. Morgan

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes with recommended amendments. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report this evening.

VIII. SCHOOL REPORT – East Windsor High School

The report was canceled.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reported she is waiting for a response from the Building Commission regarding the update on the connector and special education room.
 - b. Alliance District School Buildings Grant – The window bids are open and they are in the process of signing a contract for the window project. Work is to begin on 2/24 and be completed by 6/30. Regarding the new Alliance Grant, we are aiming to make application by 3/31. The application will be brought to the Board for approval.
 - c. Proposed Casino - An agreement between the tribal nations and the Town is being negotiated. Once confirmed, the agreement will be shared with the Board.
2. FY18 Budget – Dr. Kane reminded the Board of the scheduled workshops on 2/13 and 2/14 at 7:00 p.m. in room N4, EWHS. She also noted the following:
- There is a 17% increase in health insurance and a pension increase of \$74,000 over last year.

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- ATM will review the budget on 2/8 prior to presentation to the BOE.

K. Bilodeau requested the budget show our needs and not just a 2% increase. N. DeSousa, W. Raber, and D. Swaim agreed with the request made by K. Bilodeau.

Dr. Kane reminded the Board of the BOE agenda item on the BOF meeting agenda on 2/15 to discuss the 1% fund. The meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Chair C. Simonelli encouraged Board members to attend the BOF meeting, if possible.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

None

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair C. Simonelli noted the recent Meet & Greet cancellations due to inclement weather. The dates will be rescheduled and posted accordingly.

W. Raber inquired about the status of the backpack program. Dr. Kane informed the Board the program will begin in March. The information will be distributed to the public for purpose of donations. Chair C. Simonelli inquired if Board members wanted to make donations toward the backpacks. If so, they are welcome to bring their contributions to a meeting.

K. Bilodeau noted it was unfortunate only two people attended the recent Community and Conversation event as services, including the backpack program information, were available to all who may have attended. Dr. Kane discussed considering a way to collaborate with other activities to increase attendance.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendars of Events
2. Correspondence to East Windsor Rotary Club Re: Donation

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to enter executive session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations: Administrators' Association. The vote was unanimous.

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The Board came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to accept the Administrators' Agreement as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Christine DeBarge
Assistant Superintendent for PreK-12 Education/
Acting Recording Secretary

Approved: 2/22/17