

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2017
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, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, W. Raber, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa, S. Morgan

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, H. Banas

IV. Added Agenda items

None

V. Minutes

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the November 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. Public Participation

None

Chair C. Simonelli welcomed new Board member, Frances Neill.

VII. Personnel Report

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

VIII. Financial Report

Dr. DeBarge reported the Governor reduced ECS for East Windsor, but it is still above what the town budgeted. The Adult Education Grant was reduced, but those funds go directly to the town. It is still unknown if East Windsor is classified as an Alliance District or if Sheff grants will be approved.

Regarding special education, the district currently has a small surplus; however, we have students who may require additional programs/services.

F. Neill inquired as to why some of our students are sent out of district for special education services. Dr. Tudryn noted that students may require services beyond what we can provide in district.

East Windsor currently has thirteen students sent out of district.

Regarding the general budget, Dr. DeBarge noted we are in a “budget slush,” which is not a hard freeze. All purchases are reviewed, approved/denied, and signed by her.

IX. Curriculum Report

H. Banas reported staff has been working on the Science curriculum. She has applied for a grant that would provide supplies for the new Science curriculum. (See vote on this item under New Business.)

X. Unfinished Business: Vote

None

XI. Unfinished Business: Discussion

Updates:

Dr. DeBarge reported the following:

- a. BBES Modular Project: The Building Commission is determining next steps.
- b. Alliance District School Building Grant: We are still waiting for news from the state on the Alliance Grant II.
- c. EWMS Roof Project: Work is moving along, but is behind schedule. W. Raber inquired about the gym being closed during work on the roof, while skylights are being installed. Dr. Tudryn noted the gymnasium has been closed during school hours.
- d. FY18 Budget: Information was provided during the Financial Report portion of the agenda.

XII. New Business: Vote

1. BOE Meeting Schedule 2018: On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the 2018 BOE Meeting Schedule as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. BOE Re-organization: Dr. DeBarge entertained nominations for position of Board Chairperson. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board appointed C. Simonelli as Board Chairperson. The vote was unanimous. Dr. DeBarge turned the gavel over to Chair C. Simonelli. Chair C. Simonelli entertained nominations for the position of Vice Chair. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board appointed R. Reichle as Vice-Chair. The vote was unanimous. Chair C. Simonelli entertained nominations for the position of Secretary. On a motion by D. Swaim, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board appointed Kate Carey-Trull as Secretary. The vote was unanimous. The executive board will serve in this capacity for a two-year term.

3. Out-of-State Field Trips: On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the EWHS overnight field trips to AIC, Springfield, MA and Washington, DC. The vote was unanimous.
4. Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant: This grant will fund Science supplies to support the new Science curriculum, as mentioned earlier in the agenda. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board approved the grant application as presented. The vote was unanimous.
5. Athletic Transportation: Due to the lack of interest in cheerleading, a cheerleading coach is no longer needed. The high school principal is requesting to reallocate the money set aside for a cheerleading coach (\$2,689) to pay for a portion of the cost for a bus to transport our football players to games and practices. The East Windsor High School Booster Club has indicated they would contribute to the cost of the bus. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board reallocated the cheerleading coach stipend to cover the football transportation costs. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. New Business: Discussion

Board Subcommittee/Liaison Assignments: The list of the existing subcommittee/liaison assignments were reviewed by the Board. They will revisit the list and provide their preferred assignments at their December meeting.

S. Morgan arrived at 8:22 p.m.

XIV. Liaisons' Reports

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance at the recent PTO meeting. Upcoming events include Parent's Night Out and the Holiday Store.

S. Morgan noted his attendance at this evening's Board of Selectman meeting where they appointed committee/commission members.

XV. Public Participation

None

XVI. Miscellaneous

Chair C. Simonelli noted the receipt of an invitation to a retirement party for the director of the Warehouse Point Library on December 6 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

K. Bilodeau noted how proud she was of our high school students to volunteer and participate in the recent fashion show as part of the luncheon and vendor fair held by Abby's Helping Hand.

Dr. DeBarge reported her attendance at the recent high school Distracted Driving Program presentation, coordinated by School Resource Officer, T. Briody. The program

included a speaker, as well as virtual reality driving demonstrations to impress upon students the dangers of distracted driving.

F. Neill asked about a STEM Lego afterschool program that had been cancelled due to low interest. Dr. DeBarge will inquire with Parks and Recreation to see if grant money might be available to help offset the cost, should cost be the reason for the program cancellation.

S. Morgan noted the Veterans Road Race went well. Participants appreciated the posters made by our students. Some of our students also participated in the signing of the National Anthem. He also reported construction is ongoing on the War Memorial in Warehouse Point and that pavers are still available for sale. The Dedication will be held on May 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

XVII. Correspondence

Calendars of Events

XVIII. Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session this evening.

XIX. Adjournment

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Randi Reichle, Board Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull, Board Member

Approved: 12/13/17