

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
April 19, 2017  
BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Gymnasium**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to enter executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting. The vote was unanimous.

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, D. Swaim, S. Morgan, K. Carey-Trull

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, H. Banas

The Board came out of executive session at 7:53 p.m.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to accept the recommendation by Dr. C. DeBarge to appoint Heather Banas as the new district curriculum director. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Banas was present and publicly welcomed to her new position by the Board.

**IV. ATTENDANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Dr. T. Kane

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, A. Paquette, H. Banas, community members

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the April 5, 2017 meeting minutes as presented this evening. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

None

**VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A. Paquette provided an overview of the current report:

- “Projected Deficit” is a mechanism used to charge to the local budget until funds are received - It is not a true deficit
- Grants have been requested and we are awaiting funds

## X. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. C. DeBarge reported the following:

- A new curriculum director has been hired – She thanked the Board for their support of her recommendation
- Status of curriculum revisions

## XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

EWMS Roof Project - Jason LaFleur, Asst. Project Manager, CSG, LLC and Tom Hibbard of Hibbard & Rosa Architects, LLC were present to outline the project, which is scheduled to begin this summer to replace the current 30-year-old roof.

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the roof project as presented. The vote was unanimous.

## XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project Update
- Alliance Capital Grant Update

There is no new information to share on the modular project or grants. We are still waiting to hear on the status of the second Alliance Capital grant.

- FY18 Budget – Dr. Kane attended the Board of Finance meeting held prior to the BOE meeting and informed the Board we are still at the 1.55% increase as proposed by the BOF. Although a motion was made at a recent BOF meeting to restore \$100,000 in the BOE budget, the motion failed. If the budget does not pass on the third referendum, it will go to an automatic 2% increase for the Town and the BOE. Chair C. Simonelli stated the blatant inequity in the budget is astounding: The Police Department has been given a proposed 5% increase, the Town departments a 3% proposed increase, and the Board of Education was given a proposed 1.55% increase.

Dr. Kane informed the Board of the First Selectman's invitation to the BOF to attend their next meeting to discuss the establishment of a 1% account. In addition, the Kim Lord as Town Treasurer informed us there are accounts that are non-lapsing: SPED tuition, PreK tuition, etc. Therefore, in the FY18 budget, \$400,000 was put in these accounts to assist with our FY18 budget needs. However, under former Town Treasurer, Cathy Cabral and a BOF vote in April 2012, these accounts were non-lapsing accounts. We need to obtain clarification from the BOF regarding these accounts.

- Rockville/Cheney Tech Transportation – Dr. Kane informed the Board that one student was riding the bus for 1-1/2 hours to Rockville. Smyth Bus has been directed to inform us of any run that goes over an hour. This bus run has since been rescheduled and will now be under one hour.

Twelve East Windsor students ride the Cheney Tech/Rockville buses, six of which will graduate at the end of this year. This will collapse two runs down to one for next year. In addition, one East Windsor student attending Glastonbury will graduate at the end of this school year, which will also free up a van for next year.

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**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to waive a second reading on the policies this evening. The vote was unanimous.

1. 3453 Funds Management – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. 3541.5 Transportation Complaints – On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
3. 3542.22 Food Service Personnel – Code of Conduct – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
4. 5125 Student Records; Confidentiality – On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
5. 5145.14 On-Campus Recruitment – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
6. 5145.5 Directory Information – On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

Chair C. Simonelli shared correspondence regarding merit pay for teachers and also an email regarding teacher pensions.

**XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVII. MISCELLANEOUS**

S. Morgan noted the upcoming yard/bulk waste pick-ups.

K. Carey-Trull informed the Board and community of the Walk for Abby on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Dr. Kane mentioned the variance for the high school electronic sign will go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on 5/1.

N. DeSousa requested that if information is presented on Facebook as a Board member, then an individual opinion should not be included, but can do so if speaking individually.

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**XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Calendars of Events
2. Enrollments

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.  
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Board Secretary

**Approved:**