

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2018
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, Vice Chair R. Reichle, D. Swaim, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, W. Raber, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan

Also present: L. Foxx, M. Ryan, K. Hellerich, C. Bava, E. Keleher, D. Rouillard, H. Banas, A. Paquette, EWEA President J. Jette, community members

IV. Outstanding Students

The 2nd Quarter Outstanding Student recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective principals:

Sathya Satheesh – Grade 3, BBES (in absentia)
Tyler Kreiner – Grade 7, EWMS
Shailee McCoy – Grade 11, EWHS

V. Added Agenda Items

None

VI. Minutes

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board approved the January 10, 2018 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. Public Participation

None

VIII. Personnel Report

The Board conducted a review of the most current report provided by L. Slate, Human Resource Director.

IX. Financial Report

A. Paquette provided an update on the following:

- District spending is proceeding as planned
- Grants formally getting approved

- Food Service funds will be disbursed, in spite of the government shut-down
- Joint BOE and town audit report results are in with no findings, no technical issues, smooth close/process, and a noted improved communication between town and school departments

X. Curriculum Report

H. Banas provided an update on Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS):

- Passed in November 2015
- Replaces CMT & CAPT
- Originally had until 2020 to roll out, but field testing will be conducted this spring in grades 5,8,11

XI. Unfinished Business: Vote

None

XII. Unfinished Business: Discussion

Updates:

- a. BBES Modular Project – Dr. C. DeBarge noted she would be meeting with L. Norton, J. Sauerhoefer, J. Giuliano, and the town attorney next week to discuss legal options relative to the projects.
- b. Alliance District School Building Grant- The Bond Commission met, voted and approved the grant. The project completions have been extended to October 2018.
- c. EWMS Roof Project – There was no updated information available.
- d. FY18 Budget – This matter rolled into discussion during the financial report.

XIII. New Business: Vote

None

XIV. New Business: Discussion

1. CABE New Member Workshop Update – Board members K. Carey-Trull and F. Neill attended the recent workshop and provided a brief overview of program:
 - A.M. Session – Legal issues, school finance, mining the data (student data)
 - P.M. Session – How to make decisions – strategic plan, transparency, collaboration
 - Being leaders – policy role, common mistake
 - “Takeaways” from the seminar – goal setting, community involvement, strategic plan

2. CASAC Mini Grant – M. Maltese, in collaboration with Chief E. DeMarco and Dr. C. DeBarge, wrote and was recently awarded a \$5,000 Connecticut State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant. This grant will be used for:
 - Community Narcan training
 - Obtaining a social work intern through the local colleges or substance abuse addiction program
 - Updating the athletic department and athletes
 - Forum and other activities during National Awareness Week in May

XV. Liaison Reports

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance at the January 11 PTO meeting.

F. Neill acknowledged the recent Blood Drive at BBES.

Dr. C. DeBarge noted her attendance at the EWHS wrestling match last evening.

Chair C. Simonelli informed the Board of her attendance at the recent BOS meeting and their desire to create a committee of three (with M. Maltese and EWPD) to devise a plan regarding the Opioid epidemic. The BOS would also like to create a Casino Impact Fact Fund Ordinance wherein money would be placed in a non-lapsing account and there would be a means to withdraw, when necessary.

Chair C. Simonelli also shared with the Board a recent newspaper article consisting of a number of complaints made regarding our fire marshal; one being a complaint regarding the security lights at BBES. Dr. DeBarge was not aware of the article, nor the complaint raised about the lights. She will speak to R. Baker to obtain his input.

XVI. Public Participation

None

XVII. Miscellaneous

Dr. C. DeBarge informed the Board that EWMS student, Aric Duncan (Gr. 7), has been named the 2018 School National Spelling Bee Winner.

The Board discussed dates in which to conduct their FY19 budget workshops. As a result, the following dates were selected:

- February 15 & 22 – Budget workshops beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- March 7 – Budget deliberations beginning at 6:30 p.m.

XVIII. Correspondence

Calendars of Events

XIX. Executive session

There was no need for executive session this evening.

XX. Adjournment

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: