

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
November 24, 2015
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

Vice Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, Dr. G. Michna, P. Nelson, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, W. Raber, Asst. Superintendent Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: Dr. T. Kane, Student Representative, D. Couture

Also present: A. Paquette, community members

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Vice Chair C. Simonelli turned the meeting over to Asst. Superintendent Dr. C. DeBarge.

Dr. DeBarge entertained a motion for nominations for the position of Chairman.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board nominated C. Simonelli for the position of Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. DeBarge turned the gavel over to Chair C. Simonelli. Chair C. Simonelli entertained a motion for nominations for position of Vice Chair.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board nominated Dr. G. Michna for the position of Vice Chair. The vote was unanimous.

C. Simonelli entertained a motion for the position of Secretary.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board nominated R. Reichle for the position of Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no added agenda items.

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chair C. Simonelli welcomed Dale Nelson to the meeting as the new BOS liaison to the BOE.

Mr. Robert Leach, Chairman, East Windsor Republican Town Committee, submitted his written endorsement and resume for Republican candidate, Lisa Ouellette, to fill the Board vacancy.

Chair C. Simonelli noted her receipt of an email from Democratic Town Committee member, J. Bowza, endorsing candidate David Swaim as their nominee to fill the vacancy.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report this evening.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the most recent report was provided in Board packets.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Paquette provided a tutorial on the new monthly report format.

XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. DeBarge noted the next Curriculum Council meeting was scheduled to take place on December 9. She also reported updates on the following district curriculum committees: elementary ELA, elementary Math, middle school ELA (will be completed in December) and middle school Math. The Social Studies standards have been adopted and work for grades 5-12 has begun. (The elementary will begin at a later date.) She also reported the Science standards have been adopted and professional development is available for staff to assist them in understanding the new approach (50-80 hours). The Music standards have also been established.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Nurse's Suite Update – The final inspection took place on 11/18 and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued. Move-in will occur when the “punch list” items have been completed. It is hopeful to be moved in prior to the Thanksgiving break.
2. Modular Project Update – The project is progressing on schedule. The sprinkler pipe has been installed and will be painted to match the walls.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. BOE Policy Updates – 1st Reading:
 - a. 4152.6/4252.6 Family Medical Leave Act
 - b. 5118 Student Residency
 - c. 5141 Health Assessments and Immunizations
 - d. 5142.4 School Resource Officer
 - e. 5144.4 Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to waive the second reading on policies 5118, 5141, 5142.4 and 5144.4. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to include the recommended changes to said policies. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the policies as amended. The vote was unanimous.

The remaining policy will be included on a future meeting agenda for further discussion and a vote.

2. Memorandum of Understanding: School Resource Officer – Based on new state regulations to reflect the Graduated Response Model, we are required to have a written MOU in place relative to our SRO.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to allow the Superintendent to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board and forward it to the Chief of Police. The vote was unanimous.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XVI. LIAISONS' REPORTS

R. Reichle reported her attendance at the recent FRC meeting.

S. Morgan mentioned the PTO provided dinners to BBES and EWMS teachers during the recent parent/teacher conferences and also commended their efforts in the recent fundraising initiative of “Spirit Wear” sales.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dale Nelson, 51 Omelia Road, introduced herself as the new BOS liaison to the BOE.

David Swain, 35 Omelia Road, introduced himself as the Democratic candidate to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Lisa Ouellette, 162 Scantic Road, introduced herself as the Republican candidate to fill the vacancy on the Board.

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

S. Morgan noted he was notified by a grandparent of one of our students that grandparents are not allowed at BBES during drop-off or pick-up. He also mentioned he was contacted by a concerned parent that they were not contacted when their child was late arriving home from the afternoon bus drop-off.

N. DeSousa inquired as to how parents are allowed access into the building for school functions.

XIX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendars of events
2. Veterans Day volunteer appreciation letter from BOE

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn. The time was 8:34 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Annie Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 12/9/15