

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 22, 2016
East Windsor High School, Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, W. Raber, D. Swaim, Dr. T. Kane
Absent: Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa, P. Nelson, S. Morgan

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, A. Paquette (TMS), community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Special Meeting- Executive Session Minutes – June 15, 2016

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the added agenda item. The vote was unanimous.

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the 6/8/16 meeting minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the 6/15 special meeting executive session minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Anthony Branciforte of the Journal Inquirer introduced himself to the Board as their newly assigned reporter.

VII. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. C. DeBarge presented the end-of-year STAR data:

- BBES STAR Literacy
- BBES STAR Math
- EWMS/EWHS Reading
- EWMS/EWHS Math
- Strengths
- Challenges
- Next step plans

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Dr. Kane noted the January community newsletter spoke to educating the whole child, outlining the layers to success.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT - The Board reviewed the current report provide in their packet.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Paquette provided an overview of the updated report:

- Homestretch of FY16 spending
- Meeting deadline of Town open purchase orders
- Wrap-up of purchase orders by 6/27 to send list to Town by 6/30

At the request of the Board, A. Paquette will provide a year-end report at their next meeting.

Dr. Kane noted reconciliations have been going well due to monthly meetings with the Town and beginning the end-of-year procedures in March. In addition, there were “no surprises” in special education costs.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

1. BBES Modular Project – Dr. Kane reported the Building Commission was not pleased at their recent meeting. They have not seen evidence of work being done this past week. They conveyed this to J. Giuliano, project manager, who passed it along to the ModSpace representative. She also reported the project is still on track for completion at the end of July. The oil tank has been removed and the soil will be tested for contamination.
2. Alliance Capital Grant – Dr. Kane was pleased to report grant funding was confirmed by the Governor:
 - Bids have been awarded:
 1. Toilet rooms (boys and girls)
 2. Renovation café/kitchen
 3. Renovation of main office
 4. New and painting lockers
 5. Heating system
 6. Liner for chimney to be installed
 - Remaining:
 1. Windows to be re-bid and awarded
 2. Asbestos abatement can be conducted while school is in session, so window project can be conducted during the school year
 3. Flag pole – pole contains lead paint (will be scraped and repainted)
 4. Front circle will be enlarged and paved
 5. Historic BBES Bell will be encased and put into place within the building
 6. New lighting for walkway has been secured from Eversource
 7. Flashing lights will be installed at crosswalk in part by grant funds secured by EWPD.

Dr. Kane provided kudos to the Building Committee, EWPS staff, and Town DPW staff for their efforts in these projects while still maintaining their day-to-day work schedules.

3. FY17 Budget – As the result of vote from the recent referendum, we are at a 2.03% increase for the coming school year. The budget was reduced by \$75,000, but we are able to carry over \$86,000 of Alliance grant funds (3% of the grant) to the coming school year. The insurance line item for the paras to comply with the Affordable Health Care Act has been reduced because only a few paras signed on for the insurance.

Dr. Kane offered her congratulations to C. Desjardins (TMS) on his recent appointment as CFO for a Massachusetts bank.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Summer Meeting Schedule – Dr. Kane recommended keeping the 7/13/16 meeting and would not see a need for one at the end of July or beginning of August. If this should change, she will inform the Board. The meeting at the end of August will wrap up any business that will need to be conducted before the start of the new school year.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold off on a vote until their 7/13 meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Policy Updates:

1. 0521 – Nondiscrimination
2. 5113 – Attendance and Excuses

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to waive the second reading of policy 0521. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve policy 0521. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to waive the second reading of policy 5113. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve policy 5113. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

K. Bilodeau reported her attendance at two recent special Pension Board meetings and a change in assumptions. Instead of assuming funds will yield 7%, they will assume a yield of 6.5% (equaling a greater contribution to offset what would have been the trend). She also noted the Pension Board will negotiate every union pension contract, separate from regular contracts.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair C. Simonelli noted she spoke to her work IT Department to work on the issue with her flash drive containing the work the Board has conducted relative to the superintendent's evaluation.

The next BOE special meeting executive session is scheduled on 6/27 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Kane noted her attendance at the 2016 EWHS Commencement Exercises at Maneeley's along with Chair C. Simonelli and S. Morgan.

S. Morgan reported his attendance (and also Dale Nelson's attendance), prior to this evening's Board meeting, at the East Windsor Chamber Person of the Year Celebration honoring Representative Christopher Davis. He also noted Don's Auto car wash to raise funds for the war memorial will take place this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Inscriptions on bricks will also be sold to line the memorial.

Dale Nelson, BOS liaison, noted the annual Rubber Duck/American Heritage River Commission Cardboard Boat Race is being held on 6/26.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

Calendar 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 voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Approved: