

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020  
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**

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, D. Swaim, F. Neill, C. Sevarino, Dr. C. DeBarge

Absent: Vice Chair R. Reichle, S. Andrews

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, T. Field, C. Bava, Student Representative A. Trull, EWEA President J. Jette, EWEA Representative P. Richard, CABE Representative N. Caruso.

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board approved the December 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jeffrey Ostrout, 2 Rye Street, inquired about the status of Pay-to-Play option for student athletes. Chair C. Simonelli informed him that the matter would be discussed by the Board Policy Review (BPR) sub-committee.

**VII. SCHOOL REPORT**

East Windsor Middle School – T. Field and C. Bava provided an update on the following:

- EWMS Discipline Data  
Office referrals
- Mentoring at EWMS
  - What is it?
  - What are staff expectations?
  - Staff/Student relationship
  - Goals for students
  - Last thoughts

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Student Representative A. Trull shared the news and events at all three schools.

**IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their meeting packet.

**X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

On behalf of A. Paquette, Dr. C. DeBarge shared the following:

The unallocated fund balance reported at the December 8 meeting was approximately \$200,000. That figure is now \$152,000 due to unforeseen expenses; oil tank removal at EWMS came in \$20,000 over what CIP had approved, \$5,000 needed to pump ground water, as examples.

D. Swaim noted he has heard high school students do not eat lunch. Dr. DeBarge was happy to report that the theory is incorrect via the following statistic:

- 61% of high school students participate in the School Lunch Program

Also,

- There is a higher number of students who qualify for free/reduced lunch also participating in the Program

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. FY20 Budget – This is a standing item on the BOE agenda. There was no action to be taken this evening.
2. 2019-2020 EWPS Calendar Update – Due to the current number of inclement weather days (4) and loss of instructional time, there is a need to move EWHS mid-term exams to January 21-24, as well as adjusting the remaining marking periods by the 4 days.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to adjust the calendars as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

Field Trip Request – On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the EWHS field trip to Washington, D.C. from April 17-19, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

**XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XVI. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

W. Raber noted the EW Youth Basketball Inc. replaced the American flag in the EWHS gymnasium with a new one, as well as hung 2 banners in the gymnasium.

K. Carey-Trull informed the Board the EW PTO is meeting on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Broad Brook Elementary School. She also mentioned that the Town Meeting to discuss the splash pad is scheduled to take place on January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of her recent school tours with First Selectman, J. Bowza. She will meet again with him to conduct the final school tour of Broad Brook Elementary School. She also noted that she will extend an invitation to the remaining Board of Selectmen to conduct tours at a later time.

W. Raber noted he was pleased to learn that our athletic director was also involved in our EWHS Discovery Program.

**XIX. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Enrollment
2. Calendars of Events
3. Correspondence: Student/Staff Commendations

**XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:11 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 in an open meeting, and to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

K. Bilodeau and W. Raber were not present at the session.

The Board came out of the session at 10:08 p.m.

**XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull  
Board Secretary

Approved: 1/22/20