

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
October 23, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman C. Mickey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chairman W. Schultz, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, G. Michna, R. Reichle, and Superintendent T. Kane. Absent: N. DeSousa, C. Simonelli, R. Maynard

Also present: C. DeBarge, M. Chapulis, S. Valerio - Student Representative, R. Labrie, R. Brown, J. Giuliano, and community members

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by G. Michna, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order and enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The vote was unanimous (6-0). The time was 7:32 p.m.

N. DeSousa joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

C. Simonelli joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Executive session ended at 7:54 p.m.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by G. Michna, the Board voted to hire Melissa McKee as the new assistant principal at Broad Brook Elementary School. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to accept the minutes of October 9, 2013. Vote: 7-0-1 (K. Bilodeau abstained.)

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Sebastian Donohue, 17 Skyline Drive, East Windsor, grandfather of a teacher at EWHS spoke relative to his dissatisfaction and concerns with the destruction of the EWHS courtyard.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, Sierra Valerio also spoke to the negative impact the demolition of the EWHS courtyard is having on students and staff. She provided a petition signed by members of the student body.

Dr. Kane stated the condition of the courtyard reflected badly on the image of the East Windsor Public Schools. The plan is to simplify the design so that it is easily maintained.

She also offered to meet with students regarding this matter and apologized that they had not been informed of the decision to clean up the courtyard prior to starting the work.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the current personnel report was included in Board packets and made part of the record, per policy. A correction was requested to change Mr. Sperry's position to reflect Grade 5 Service Team Leader, instead of Grade 6 Service Team Leader as presented.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Chapulis provided an update on the district's financial status including:

- Ongoing monitoring of operations
- No grant updates
- Closing of the FY13 fiscal year with Town Treasurer is underway

XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

Mrs. DeBarge reviewed the following Fall test results:

- Broad Brook STAR Literacy
- Broad Brook STAR Math
- EWMS STAR Reading
- EWMS STAR Math
- EWHS STAR Reading
- EWHS STAR Math

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

None

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Modular Project Update – Mr. Labrie, Mr. Giuliano, and Mr. Brown were present to provide a status update on the modular project at Broad Brook Elementary School:

- They will meet with the Building Committee.
- Final plans, specifications, etc. will be brought before the Board on 11/13 for approval.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

None

XV. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Donation to the East Windsor Education Foundation – Dr. Kane informed the Board and community of the recent donation made by Windsor Federal Savings to the East Windsor Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,200.

XVI. LIAISONS' REPORT

K. Bilodeau noted her attendance at the Town Pension meeting earlier this evening. Funds and allocations have performed well in past year. They seem to be aligned with benchmarks.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

N. DeSousa inquired about the timeline relative to processing the donation made by the Sauerhauser family.

K. Bilodeau inquired about the "mystery" bus that departed from the EWHS this past Saturday. Dr. Kane informed them it had been a professional development outing of another school district. They won't use our parking lot again.

Dr. Kane, on behalf of Ms. Hellerich, informed the Board that 8th grade student, Qura-Tul-Ain "Annie" Khan has been selected as one of two runners-up in the annual "Why Do We honor Veterans?" Connecticut Veterans Parade Essay Contest. She will be honored at a ceremony on October 30th at the State Capital Building in Hartford.

W. Schultz and K. Bilodeau both expressed they had heard from community members regarding the courtyard.

XIX. CORRESPONDENCE

Calendar of Events – September 20, 2013 – October 4, 2013

W. Schultz also mentioned the Technology Committee would be meeting on October 30th at 2:30 p.m. at EWHS.

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to enter into executive session to discuss a pending claim. The vote was unanimous. The time was 9:01 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:11 p.m.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by W. Schultz, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Committee voted to adjourn. The time was 9:12 p.m. Vote: 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/13/13