

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2019
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, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, N. DeSousa, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge

Absent: S. Morgan

Also present: Student Representative, A. Trull, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, SRO, D. Tessier, EWEA President, J. Jette, community members

IV. VISITATION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to table this item to later in the agenda as Officer Tessier had been called out to attend to a matter. The vote was unanimous.

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the November 28, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Valerie Galinski, 227 South Main Street, thanked the Board for allowing their daughter to attend the Suffield Vocational-Agricultural program and shared her success in the program as a sophomore.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report for L. Trull to share this evening.

IX. SCHOOL REPORT

Broad Brook Elementary School - L. Foxx, M. Ryan, and 2nd grade student, L.S., outlined the school's Family Mileage Club activity:

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- History of Mileage Club
- Family Mileage Club
- October Activity
- November – Glow Stick Activity
- December – Jingle Jog
- January – My Future So Bright I have to Wear Shades
- February – Move to Keep Your Heart Healthy
- Positive Feedback

X. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the most recent report provided in their packet.

XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of the recent resignation from H. Banas, Director of Curriculum, and her decision to stay home to care for her small children. Dr. DeBarge will look to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the administrative union, which has been done in the past, to provide a stipend to an administrator to assist with curriculum work until a replacement can be hired. The Board posed curriculum concerns in the meantime. Dr. DeBarge assured the Board district-wide curriculum work would continue as usual, especially as required by NEASC as part of our upcoming high school accreditation.

She also shared the elementary School-Based Report Card (SBRC) will roll out next year.

VISITATION (which was tabled earlier in the agenda)

Dr. DeBarge introduced newly appointed EWPS School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer D. Tessier, to the Board. Officer Tessier then outlined his role within the district and reported his attendance at multiple school-related events/activities.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. DeBarge reported the improvement relative to the anticipated shortfall; the last updated figure being \$364,000. Due to a change of a reduction for tuitions by \$79,000, and an approximate \$56,000 savings from the salary for Director of Curriculum, the new approximated shortfall amount is \$230,000. A revenue shortfall still exists, but an increase in special education Choice student costs should offset the Choice revenue for seats we did not fill.

Dr. DeBarge shared she, Chair C. Simonelli, and A. Paquette will attend the BOS meeting on February 21 to provide an update.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

FY19 Budget – This item was discussed during the Financial Update.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Alliance District School Building Grant – Dr. DeBarge happily reported that the high school auxiliary gym connector has been completed, which completes all projects associated with the grant as reviewed and deemed by the state.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Policy Updates:

- a. 1330 – Use of School Facilities – This policy included a change to include town offices as users of our facilities. On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the policy as amended. The vote was unanimous.
- b. 5144.1 – Use of Physical Force Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out
The inclusion of Exclusionary Time Out was made to this policy. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board waived the 2nd reading of this policy. The vote was unanimous. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

2. FY20' Budget Workshop Schedule – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the following schedules:

FY20 Budget Schedule:

February 4, 2019 – BOS/BOE Public Hearing – 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

February 4, 2019 – BOE Budget Workshop – 7:30 p.m. (or immediately following BOS/BOE Public Hearing at Town Hall) in Room A5, Broad Brook Elementary School

February 6, 2019 – BOE Budget Workshop – 6:30 p.m. in Room N4, East Windsor High School

February 13, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – Including Budget Deliberations

February 14, 2019 – BOE Budget Deliberations (if necessary) – 6:30 p.m. in Room N4, East Windsor High School

February 27, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – Board votes to approve FY20 budget – 7:30 p.m. in Room N4, East Windsor High School

March 13, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Room N4, East Windsor High School

March 20, 2019 – BOE Budget Presentation to BOF – 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

March 27, 2019 – BOF Public Hearing – 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

March 27, 2019 – BOE Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m. in the Broad Brook Elementary School gymnasium

BOE/Superintendent Evaluation Schedule:

January 23, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Superintendent’s mid-term review in executive session at conclusion of regular meeting – Room N4, East Windsor High School

April 10, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - BOE Self-Assessment in executive session at conclusion of regular meeting – Room N4, East Windsor High School

April 24, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Superintendent to present Year in Review in executive session at conclusion of regular meeting – Room N4, East Windsor High School

May 1, 2019 – BOE Special Meeting – Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation – 6:30 p.m. - Room N4, East Windsor High School

May 8, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Room N4, East Windsor High School

May 9, 2019 – BOE Special Meeting – Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation – 6:30 p.m. - Room N4, East Windsor High School

May 16, 2019 – BOE Special Meeting – Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation – 6:30 p.m. - Room N4, East Windsor High School

May 21, 2019 – BOE Special Meeting – Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation – 6:00 p.m. - Room N4, East Windsor High School

May 22, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – BOE presents Superintendent Evaluation in executive session at conclusion of regular meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Room N4, East Windsor High School

June 12, 2019 – Regular BOE Meeting – BOE presents Superintendent Evaluation in regular session – 7:30 p.m. – Room N4, East Windsor High School

The vote was unanimous.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

2018-2019 Board/Superintendent Evaluations – This item was discussed and voted simultaneously with the discussion and vote on the budget schedule conducted prior to this agenda item.

XVII. LIAISON REPORTS

None

XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Carey-Trull inquired about an update on the EWHS electronic sign. Dr. DeBarge informed the Board Mr. Keleher was obtaining new quotes to include specifications to meet costs.

F. Neill noted how interesting it would be to have our students take the naturalization/citizen's exam in one of our civic classes.

XX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. Calendars of Events
3. Letters: Donations/Staff & Student Commendations

Chair C. Simonelli noted she heard from Mr. Bidwell regarding the Invention Convention, which they will be doing again this year.

XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for a session this evening.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 1/23/19