

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 2017  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ATTENDANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: Secretary R. Reichle

Also present: K. Hellerich, EWEA President J. Jette, community members

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Carey-Trull, the Board voted to approve the August 23, 2017 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. SCHOOL REPORT**

East Windsor Middle School – K. Hellerich thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in her recommendation to hire Ms. Bava as the new EWMS assistant principal.

Ms. Hellerich provided an overview of the EWMS “Welcome Back” initiatives:

- Walkway Welcome
- What’s Happening Now
- Focus for 2017-2018
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**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project
- b. Alliance Capital Grant I & II
- c. FY18 Budget

Chair C. Simonelli and Dr. C. DeBarge reviewed an email update provided by Dr. Kane regarding these projects.

**X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Opening of the 2017-2018 School Year – Dr. DeBarge shared an overview of district opening activities.

**XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fran Neill, 153 Melrose Road, informed the Board of a conversation she recently had with a woman who just moved into town, stating how pleased she is with our town and schools, but that she is concerned there are only 7 other students in one of her son's (grade 9) class. Ms. Neill inquired if we have planned on student retention initiatives to keep East Windsor students in our school district. She offered to sit on a marketing committee, should that be a future initiative. Discussion ensued regarding all educational options available to students.

**XIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

N. DeSousa reported her attendance at the BBES "Back to School Picnic."

She also shared a conversation she had with a friend who was looking to move out of town, but who decided to stay because she was pleased with our school system.

K. Bilodeau informed the Board of a friend of a friend in town who has a child with special needs and her excitement with the establishment of our unified sports program.

W. Raber noted his belief that a number of East Windsor students that are leaving the district because of the lack of middle school sports. Discussion ensued relative to middle school intramural sports.

S. Morgan reported his attendance at the recent ground breaking ceremony for the War Memorial. He informed the Board of the Veterans/American Legion Harvest Dance on October 14, and also informed them of the upcoming Pasta Dinner scheduled to take place the day before the Veterans Road Race to fund the Veterans War Memorial and Fire Department.

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

Calendars of Events

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

**Approved:**