

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
February 14, 2018
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, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, Secretary K. Carey-Trull

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, EWEA President J. Jette, Student Representative D. Couture

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the January 24, 2018 meeting minutes with the recommended amendment. The vote was 5-0-1. (K. Bilodeau abstained.)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. SCHOOL REPORT

Broad Brook Elementary School – L. Foxx and M. Ryan reported on the One School, One Book initiative at Broad Brook Elementary School:

- The Clues! (February 5-9)
- Chosen book is revealed – Charlotte’s Web
- Assembly to announce the book
- Reading the book as a community
- Celebrate as a community

A copy of the book is donated by PTO and distributed to each BBES family, which encourages family time as well as class discussion on the chapters.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

D. Couture reported on the news and events at all three schools.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. FY18 Budget Update – The Board reviewed the list of FY18 recommended reductions:
 - Reduced legal account
 - Math tutor – BBES (vacated position)
 - Instructional materials

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- EWMS/EWHS After School Detention
- Cross Country assistant coach
- EWHS instructional supplies
- New soccer uniforms
- Athletic supplies

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board begrudgingly voted to approve the reductions as presented. The vote was unanimous.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project – Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of her recent meeting with the town attorney, L. Norton, J. Sauerhoefer, and J. Giuliano to discuss options relative to the ModSpace contract. The consensus was to work with ModSpace to complete the project as they recently noted their interest to work with us via an email received by J. Giuliano. It was recommended to use a local vendor to complete the floor project and seek a different vendor to replace the damaged doors and landscape. We need to ensure there are sufficient flooring tiles being stored at DPW. If not, then we will need to order enough flooring to complete the job.
- b. Alliance District School Building Grant #2 – We are in receipt of a recent notification permitting us to begin project work. The list of approved items are as follows:
 - High School
 - Auxiliary gym connector
 - Carpet library
 - Security upgrades
 - New lights in auditorium
 - Middle School
 - New gym bleachers
 - LED lighting cafeteria, office audit. outside
 - AC cafeteria
 - Security upgrades
 - Broad Brook Elementary School
 - New gym bleachers
 - Windows office area – principals
 - Pole lights circle
 - Security upgrades
- c. EWMS Roof Project – Dr. DeBarge reported a brief overview of the roof project:
 - Few roof leaks were repaired
 - Finish work being completed

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XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Evaluation Dates – Chair C. Simonelli shared the proposed dates to conduct the 2017-2018 superintendent evaluation and BOE self-evaluation:

- Mid-year superintendent review – March 14th BOE meeting- executive session at end of meeting
- BOE self-assessment – April 18th BOE meeting- executive session at end of meeting
- Year in Review – May 9th BOE meeting – executive session at end of meeting

Chair C. Simonelli also noted the need to schedule time to write the evaluation documents. After discussion on the matter, the consensus of the Board was to meet on May 22, May 23, and May 30 at 6:30 p.m. to complete the evaluation documents. She also noted the Board will present the superintendent with her evaluation in executive session on June 13, with presentation of her evaluation to the public in open session on June 27.

XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

F. Neill reported her attendance at the Pension Board meeting on 1/25.

Dr. DeBarge noted Board member participation at the first of two Marketing Advisory Committee meetings held on February 13 at EWHS.

F. Neill informed the Board of the Agricultural Commission Farmers Coffee on March 31 at the Melrose School House.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

Student Representative, Diana Couture informed the Board of the annual EWHS Booster Club/Safe Grad fundraising initiative.

Dr. DeBarge provided an updated on the security lights at BBES, as reported by the *Journal Inquirer*. The lights were identified, parts ordered, and replaced well before the article was published in the *Journal Inquirer*, per Roger Baker.

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of the results of the recent Poetry Out Loud Contest:

- Natalie O'Konis – 1st Place
- Martin Resto – 2nd Place
- Rachel Gendreau – 3rd Place

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Chair C. Simonelli shared recent email correspondence she exchanged with the family of a current student attending Suffield Vo-Ag relative to our Agri-Science Policy.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. Cards from the Kindness Club
3. Correspondence from State Department of Public Health
4. BBES/EWMS/EWHS Newsletters

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: March 14, 2018