

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
March 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, Secretary, Kate Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. P. Tudryn Absent:
Dr. Christine DeBarge

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

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Field Trip Request
2. EWMS Roof Project

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the added agenda items. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to discuss the Request to Name a Facility item due to the number of community members who were present in support of this request. The vote was unanimous.

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the February 14, 2018 meeting minutes. The vote was 7-0-2. (N. DeSousa and S. Morgan abstained.)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hollis Burt, Michaela Mullarkey, and Austin Burt, 43 Graham Road, spoke to their support of the Suffield Agriscience Program and requested the Board of Education reconsider their policy to allow transport of our future students to the program and consider the program as a town designated program.

The following community members spoke in support of naming the East Windsor High School gymnasium after Coach Melvin Kleckner, outlining his integrity and influence on students, athletes, and the community:

- Claude Cloutier – 3 Steeple Chase Road
- Sal Saitta – 17 Old Barn Road

As previously voted, the Board took item New Business: Vote – Request to Name a Facility out of order.

NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Request to Name a Facility – M. Maltese and K. Drake provided an overview of the proposal that was submitted to name the East Windsor High School gymnasium after Coach Melvin Kleckner, and also spoke to Coach Kleckner’s integrity and influence on students, athletes, and the community.

Dr. Tudryn, on behalf of Dr. DeBarge in her absence, informed the Board she had contacted Coach Kleckner’s wife to inform her of the request. She could not be more pleased and honored that the proposal was being made in his honor.

Ron Army, 30 Field Road, noted the gymnasium floor would soon need to be refinished, as it had not been done since 1988 when he served as the district business manager. That would be the ideal time to include Coach Kleckner’s name to the corners of the floor.

Gary Mazzone, 5 Petticoat Lane, also spoke in favor of naming the gymnasium after Coach Kleckner and implores the Board to vote on this request this evening.

W. Raber concurred with Mr. Mazzone’s request.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the naming of the East Windsor High School gymnasium as the Mel Kleckner Gymnasium, and that any physical changes be brought back to the Board for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

K. Bilodeau inquired if the vote met policy criteria and noted the need to take into consideration the policy language to ensure we complete the process correctly.

S. Morgan noted the number of positive community remarks that were shared with him relative to this request.

F. Neill noted how widespread his touch was to the community.

K. Bilodeau stated that, according to policy criteria, this request not only outlines a contribution to a school, but is wide-spread, which Mr. Kleckner was, as witnessed in the writings provided in their packet and the comments shared this evening.

VII. SCHOOL REPORT

East Windsor Middle School – K. Hellerich introduced two of her middle school students who have excelled in recent competitions. Each student spoke to their preparations for their competitions:

Sydney Williams – Grade 7, Participant in the Eastern Regional Music Competition, Violin Section

Aric Duncan – Grade 7, Winner of the school-wide National Geographic Bee. He is the second student ever to qualify for the state competition on April 6.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report to present this evening.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. FY19 Budget – The Board accomplished this vote at their budget workshop on March 8.

2. EWMS Roof Project – In order to begin the paperwork on the close-out for this project, there is a need for the Board to vote to accept the project as completed. (Funds have been retained to address the lawn area that was used as a staging site during the project, which will be done in the spring.)

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to accept the EWMS roof project as complete. The vote was unanimous.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project – Chair C. Simonelli provided a project update on behalf of Dr. C. DeBarge in her absence, which included:
 - The need for confirmation from the glass company of the order placed and the delivery date for the doors, frames and panels to be replaced
 - Verification regarding the VCT currently stored at the East Windsor DPW garageJ. Giuliano has reached out to our representative from ModSpace requesting clarification and verification.
- b. Alliance District School Building Grant #2 – This item has been tabled to a future meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Request to Name a Facility – This item was taken out of order and acted on earlier in the agenda.
2. Field Trip Request – On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the overnight field trip for one of our high school students to attend the Connecticut Music Educators Association All-State Music Festival at the Connecticut Convention Center. The vote was unanimous.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

None

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Bilodeau noted the Panther Players will performing the production of Blithe Spirit on March 23 and March 24.

N. DeSousa thanked our district Database Technician/Webmaster, C. Mayberry for her prompt response to her request to change an error on our website.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. Newsletters: EWHS/EWMS/BBES
3. Parent Email Correspondence with Chair C. Simonelli

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need to conduct the session this evening.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:53p.m.
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: