

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, September 12, 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

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, D. Swaim Also present: E. Keleher, D. Rouillard, J. Jette, EWEA President

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Amended 2018-2019 EWPS School Calendar

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the added agenda item as presented. The vote was unanimous.

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes from August 22, 2018 as amended. The vote was 4-0-2. (R. Reichle and K. Bilodeau abstained.)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. SCHOOL REPORT – East Windsor High School

E. Keleher provided an update on the NEASC process:

- What is the NEASC Collaborative Conference?
- EWHS Standards – Foundational Elements
- NEASC Report:
 - Commendations
 - Priority Areas
 - Recommendations
- Next Steps

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Policy Update – 2141 Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent – After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to be more cognizant in communicating with the public during this process.

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted in favor of the updated policy changes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

2. Amended 2018-2019 EWPS School Calendar – The high school administration requested the inclusion of an early release day (for the high school only) on October 10, 2018 for the purpose of PSAT testing.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the request to amend the 2018-2019 EWPS School Calendar to include October 10, 2018 as an early release day for EWHS only for purposes of PSAT testing. The vote was unanimous.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Updates:
 - a. BBES Modular Project – A walkthrough was conducted with ModSpace resulting in a small punch list of items to be addressed, most of which have been completed.
 - b. Alliance District School Building Grant #2:
 - All but 1 project are complete
 - Grant goes through October 31, 2018
 - We will meet the deadline and close-out by the October 31 deadline
 - Auxiliary gym connector is still in process
 - With money saved in the projects, we were able to also replace a few window sills and counters in the classrooms and increase the layers of our technology and security

- Dr. DeBarge and the Board provided kudos to R. Baker, Facilities Director, and T. Osoimalo, Technology Director, for their roles in the grant projects.
- c. FY19 Budget:
 - Increased revenue source due to other districts paying tuition for our special education programming
 - Small deficit due to the changes in staff insurance options
 - \$69,500 still in fund
2. Marketing Advisory – Dr. DeBarge reviewed the list of recommendations made by the committee at their previous meeting.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board went into a short recess at 8:50 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Opening of the 2018-2019 School Year – Dr. DeBarge shared the events/activities that took place at all three schools on the first day of school, September 4, 2018.
2. Modification to Early Release Times – Dr. DeBarge shared her proposal to modify the early release schedule by one hour, if necessary, due to inclement weather, emergency situations.

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

F. Neill reported her attendance at the recent Pension Board meeting and noted they are reviewing RFPs for a new provider as they are not pleased with the current one.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

F. Neill noted a community conversation wherein a request was made to change the name of the EWHS “community service” initiative as they believe the current name is perceived to associate the service as an infringement with the law.

K. Bilodeau suggested A. Trull as the next BOE student representative, being she has been in attendance at the past few meetings. It is Miss Trull's intention to speak with E. Keleher regarding her interest in serving in this capacity.

F. Neill inquired about the school's involvement in Heritage Day. Dr. DeBarge informed her the band would be marching in the parade. F. Neill also noted the committee is seeking numerous volunteers for the event.

Dr. DeBarge publicly thanked the East Windsor Department of Public Works for their hard work and dedication in getting the parking lot across from Broad Brook Elementary School completed for the start of school. It made for a much smoother student pick-up and drop-off due to the number of additional spaces.

Dr. DeBarge also acknowledged Dr. Tudryn and the Special Education Department for attaining "meets requirement" of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance report.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from CSDE re: 2016-2017 Annual Performance Reports & Determinations
2. Thank you letters on behalf of the district regarding donations
3. Correspondence to First Selectman Re: Equipment Surplus
4. FRC Snow Days/Delayed Openings/Unscheduled Early Dismissal Procedures
5. Calendars of Events

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for a session this evening.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 9/26/18