

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021**

East Windsor High School Library, 76 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair R. Reichle led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Chair R. Reichle, Vice Chair H. Spencer, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, F. Neill, D. Swaim, C. Sevarino, Dr. P. Tudryn, W. Raber (via Zoom)

Also present: D. Rouillard, Student Representative, V. Hernandez, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board approved the October 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative, V. Hernandez reported on the news and events at all three schools.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. FY21 Budget

2. FY22 Budget

There were no budget updates at this time.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Re-Entry Update – Dr. P. Tudryn reported his participation in a Sunday evening conversation with area superintendents, including quarantines (especially relative to Broad Brook School with the average of 30 kids in quarantine weekly, but only 10 last week), impact on test scores, student achievement, where schools are seeing spread, ways to minimize cases and quarantine levels. All are awaiting next update from the state. May be able to remain in school if asymptomatic and screen and test, but would have to partner with a vendor to provide this service at the schools as we do not have enough nursing staff to provide this service – The option for remote learning for quarantined students that chose not to test will be discussed at a later time as we are not there yet and will need to await for the written state guidance in making that type of decision.
2. Strategic Plan – This item will be on all future agendas as a placeholder for updates and quarterly reporting. There was no update at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Job Description – Maintainer

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board voted to approve the job description as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. P. Tudryn will look to see if special skills will save the district money, i.e. electrical contracting etc. The position was written in the ARP ESSER grant. He also noted he has met with DPW and shared that he learned the agreement with DPW is restricted mowing only. This is primarily due to limited resources with staffing from DPW. The position of maintainer would be able to support work on our grounds, courtyards, and to spruce up the front of BBS (mowing, weed whacking, etc.). The grant is for 3 years, and then the district could evaluate if the position is feasible to continue based on potential savings from contracting out.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

F. Neill reported her participation in a Pension Commission meeting - in a decent state, some volatility in the market but in decent state. Dr. P. Tudryn attended and found it informative.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

C. Sevarino noted the community has expressed wanting to see meetings recorded and stated she has made inquiries about this option in the past. She requested putting this topic on a future agenda for discussion.

Dr. P. Tudryn stated we are still having meetings virtually and can conduct check-ins with all 3 principals by Zoom, which is much easier to collaborate, while staying at their own site. He noted they are looking to set up video-conference capability for each building in one place, using Zoom account to record off of that, then could have a screen for presentations. Can also explore if YouTube is an option. Based on BOE feedback, Dr. Tudryn will explore options to record future BOE meetings.

F. Neill mentioned the Cub Scouts are doing a bag drop this weekend for the Food Drive – They are trying to build it back up again. They will be doing the drop-off and then pick-up the following weekend. Food donations can also be dropped off at the church.

Dr. P. Tudryn noted the CIP list included in the meeting packet. Some items have been there. It is important from the town perspective to see what the projects are and the list to show the need for funding, if some projects could be broken up, like asbestos, breaks a larger item into small chunks. W. Quinones will also attend and help strategize for the future.

High School Roof – Needs to go through bonding for that project, - Need to look at it and see where it was stopped last time - Dollar amount is hard to estimate because it is a constantly moving target – It was a \$3.5 million estimate to repair the roof recently.

Dr. P. Tudryn shared that he is pleased to announce that we have a math teacher (Sara Chmiel) that was nominated for a leadership program (eligible to Alliance Districts), research-based connected with UCONN, 5-year program – We are not sure if she will be accepted into the program, but will be an opportunity to be a change agent. He will keep the Board updated.

Dr. P. Tudryn also noted the high school to applied and was awarded a FASFA grant to increase completion of the FASFA form for federal aid for students for college – The grant is \$5,000, and a tool that will aid families to complete the form to get aid for college. D. Rouillard noted he did some research last year. There is a training scheduled in November that will provide High School and district staff information on how to access the funds.

It was reported that 28 families chose to take PSAT this year for eighth-graders.

Dr. P. Tudryn mentioned Mr. Masters is here and volunteered with Dr. Hellerich, Voice4Change, state put out ESSER funds not tied to the district, student proposals on how to use the COVID funds, students will participate with ideas on how they would like to see the funds used. The state will select winning proposals to fund.

He also reminded the Board of the Annual Veterans Day Road Race – A number of school staff are participating. We are collecting registration forms, as well as sending them out to parents to build momentum. Hopefully, parents, students, and staff will participate, connect with families and town as well.

He informed the Board he has been in the buildings on a weekly basis and informed them of the recent lockdown at EWMS. He noted he was in building at time and credited the staff as there was zero disruption to instruction during the time of the incident and lockdown. When families hear lockdown, it means instruction is still taking place but doors are locked for normally a brief time, and the result is limited disruption ton classroom instruction. In this particular situation, it was necessary for adults to assist a student down the hallway where the student left the building by ambulance. There have been a few lockdowns at Broad School that have lasted only a few minutes. Protocols and procedures are working the way they should be, kids are engaged. Shelter-in-Place is a different situation where staff and students move away from door, with lights off, quiet, etc.

It was noted the Trunk or Treat event is tomorrow at Reservoir Ave.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters – Commendation/Donation

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kate Carey-Trull
Board Secretary

Approved: