

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
East Windsor High School – Library - 7:30 p.m.**

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, W. Raber (via Zoom), F. Neill, C. Sevarino, D. Menard, L. Sinsigallo, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, A. Paquette, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, T. Field, L. Daitch, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, Student Representative – V. Hernandez, EWEA representative – D. Ward, community members

Absent: D. Swaim

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. COMMENDATIONS

1. Outstanding Student Award Recipients – 1st Quarter

The 1st quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

- Emma Congelosi – BBES
- Thomas Ferrick – EWMS
- William Rouleau - EWHS

2. Crystal Apple Award Recipients – 1st Quarter

The 1st quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

- Gretchen Slack - BBES
- Jeffrey Bacon - EWMS
- Shawn Couture – EWHS

VI. MINUTES

October 27, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by C. Sevarino, 2nd by H. Spencer to approve the minutes as presented. The motions were withdrawn.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to table the minutes for editing purposes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VIII. SCHOOL REPORT

East Windsor Middle School – T. Field & L. Daitch presented the following:

- Empowerment
- Clubs
- Portrait of a Graduate
- Why Empower?
- Season 1
- Empower for the Students

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

V. Hernandez shared the news and events at all three schools.

X. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their meeting packet.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Paquette reviewed the updated report provided to the Board in their meeting packet:

- Spending is going according to plan
- There was an approximate \$198,000 reduction with Choice SPED Revenue. - We still have funds to accommodate the reduction (Student in special education was previously in outplacement program and recently able to return to their home school, which resulted in a reduction in the spending source side of the budget – We will bill Hartford for special education cost)
- Salaries will be aligned in the December MUNIS report

XII. CURRICULUM REPORT

D. Rouillard reported on NEASC Accreditation:

- Purpose of Accreditation
- NEASC Visit and Guiding Principles
- Background & Timelines
- Result of Decennial Visit
- Cited Commendations
- Next Steps – Continuous Growth
- Recognition & Thank You

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. FY20 Budget
2. FY21 Budget

There have been no changes to warrant a vote this evening.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Re-Entry Update –Dr. P. Tudryn noted the following:

- An email update was sent out to parents & staff earlier today
- We will be offering a school COVID vaccine clinic for students ages 5-11 on Monday, November 15 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at EWMS
- We will be conducting in-person Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 17, 18, 19 (limiting it to 1 parent per student in attendance)
- Quarantining: There are approximately 30 students weekly in quarantine as close contacts to those students who have tested positive, which is a low number, statistically
- Screen & Stay – This is an option from the state that we are reviewing to confirm feasibility – This option may minimize quarantine time and keep students in school - Our findings on this matter should be available in the near future
- Mask Wearing/Vaccination Update: Approximately 90% of our staff is vaccinated; Families have reported 20% of eligible students are vaccinated

XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XVI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XVII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

K. Carey-Trull reported her participation at the recent FRC meeting. Discussion included the FRC Summer Program and the Before & After School Program, as well as the status of FRC associated with budget and grant funding

XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noreen Farmer, 247 South Water Street, noted it would be helpful to provide handouts and full packets for public reference at each meeting.

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair R. Reichle welcomed L. Sinsigallo and D. Menard to the Board. She also publicly thanked D. Swaim, in his absence, for his service while serving on the Board as his term ends this evening.

F. Neill noted the Cub Scouts conducted the food pick-up this past weekend. She provided kudos to the high school student volunteers who assisted in this initiative as Cub Scout participation is low due to the pandemic.

Dr. P. Tudryn mentioned the following:

- New BOE member packets from CABA can be provided to new members
- We can work with our CABA representative, N. Caruso, to provide a BOE workshop in January
- He would like to conduct individual meetings with each BOE member – A. Kalesnik will be reaching out to schedule the individual meetings

XX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. District Veterans Day Activities

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by L. Sinsigallo, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/23/21