

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
April 6, 2016  
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, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, P. Nelson, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, Dr. T. Kane Absent: Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, W. Raber

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, E. Keleher, K. Hellerich, L. Foxx, BOE Student Representative - D. Couture, BOS liaison - D. Nelson, parents, community members

**IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Outstanding Student Award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

Nolan VanGasbeck – Grade 2

Rebecca Syme – Grade 6

Phillip Percy – Grade 9

**V. VISITATION**

M. Maltese, Director of EW Park and Recreation, introduced the 2016 Limerick Contest Winners to the Board:

Grades K-1: Liam Unsworth

Grades 2-4: Thomas Romel

Grades 5-8: Sydney Williams

Grades 9-12: Annie Khan

**VI. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**VII. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board approved the March 23, 2016 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

D. Nelson reported the continuation of FY17 budget meetings.

**IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

D. Couture reported on recent news and activities at all three schools.

Attorney C. Chinni joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

D. Couture left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**X. SCHOOL REPORT – East Windsor High School**

E. Keleher provided an update on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process. He acknowledged L. Pastick and the committee's work on the Pre-Self Study Report submitted to NEASC on April 1, 2016. The purpose of the report is to begin preparations for the next NEASC visit, which is 2 ½ years from now.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. Updates:

- a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane provided the following update:

- The current 2-week project look ahead has been received and is posted on the district website
- 10-unit will be set on the foundation during vacation
- Cox Communication had some difficulties with timing, due to needed equipment, but will be able to conduct work during school vacation
- Brick façade in the process of being installed
- EW Building Committee reported hearing excitement in town

- b. Alliance District School Buildings Grant – Dr. Kane reported on the following:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> submission of the grant was sent to the state
- The parking lot project was denied, but exterior door replacement and a bank of windows in the Art room were included in the request
- Testing was conducted for PCBs on the caulking for the windows, but the report concluded none were present.
- We are awaiting specifications from the architect so projects can go out for bid
- Projects not requiring bids are moving along

D. Swaim stated school doors will get back-logged if not done soon.

- c. FY17 Budget - Chair C. Simonelli noted she spoke with BOF Chair J. Corso and indicated the BOF heard from the Broad Brook Library and Park and Recreation and then made some cuts. Chair C. Simonelli was told \$550,000, but the votes were not in the BOF meeting minutes. (K. Lord took minutes and they were posted, but no motions or votes were recorded.). Chair C. Simonelli reported she emailed J. Corso (BOF) to confirm the budget decrease of \$550,000.

P. Nelson inquired if the Broad Brook Library was funded by the town or by endowment.

It is not expected that the BOE will meet with BOF in further budget workshops.

Dr. Kane noted the 1<sup>st</sup> referendum vote is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

D. Nelson, BOS liaison, noted the final BOF budget vote will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>. She also reported the EW Rotary named Pete Larese as the "Citizen of the Year." The award dinner will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Nutmeg Restaurant. Her final note was to remind the Board and community Abby's Helping Hand Walk is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with start and finish locations taking place at the reservoir.

**XVII. MISCELLANEOUS**

S. Morgan noted Community Day will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m.-4 p.m. A new location is being considered, i.e. old Walmart building or old reservoir. A parade route will be discussed at a future meeting.

N. DeSousa reported it was mentioned to her that the BBES secretaries are very friendly and helpful.

Chair C. Simonelli shared positive comments from the community relative to the modular project and the progress of the school district overall.

K. Bilodeau mentioned a comedy and dance night is being held at the Nutmeg Restaurant on April 29, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. She noted this is not a fundraiser, but simply a night out for dinner, a comedian, and dancing.

N. DeSousa noted the PTO Father/Daughter Dance is being held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at East Windsor High School.

An inquiry was made as to the date of the EWHS Prom.

R. Reichle stated her son was awarded a grant for teachers to study native people in Vancouver. She inquired if this program has been offered to East Windsor staff.

**XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

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**XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to enter into executive session for discussion of a document protected by the attorney-client privilege. The vote was unanimous.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DeBarge, Ed.D  
Asst. Superintendent

Randi Reichle  
Secretary

**Approved: April 27, 2016**