

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
March 26, 2014
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair, W. Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair, W. Schultz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman W. Schultz, Secretary C. Simonelli, W. Raber, K. Bilodeau, S. Morgan, Dr. George Michna, R. Reichle, and Dr. T. Kane Absent: Chairman C. Mickey, N. DeSousa

Also present, C. DeBarge, K. Hellerich, J. Smith, L. Foxx, M. McGee, TMS, S. Couture, Student Representative, and community members

IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The Outstanding Students for the 3rd quarter were introduced to the Board by their principals. Each principal provided a brief explanation as to why the student was chosen to receive this award. The students were:

Jessalyn Smith – Grade 10, High School (absent for meeting)

Natalie O’Konis – Grade 8, Middle School

Keira Warner – Grade 2, Broad Brook

W. Raber left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to accept the minutes of February 26, 2014, including the requested amendments. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to accept the minutes March 12, 2014. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Samantha Couture updated the Board on the news and upcoming events at the schools.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the current personnel report was provided and made part of the record. Discussion ensued relative to custodial staff transfers and district staff stipends.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

TMS reported on the district's financial status:

- Monitoring results
- Excess cost being pursued with the state relative to calculations
- Looking with magnifying glass for funding
- FRC is developing their budget with TMS for presentation to the FRC Board.

Dr. Kane noted we are waiting for information regarding Excess Cost grant from the state. It will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.

The Board received the adjusted town budget calendar. Dr. Kane will be present at the April 9th BOF meeting.

XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

Ms. DeBarge reported on the following::

- SBAC testing:
 - Testing began Tuesday. Some technical issues, but they were resolved.
 - State help desk was understaffed and overwhelmed with calls. Have added more staff.
 - Despite the national rescheduling, all of the EW schools were able to rearrange schedules to ensure testing will be complete by April break.
- Curriculum Committee work ongoing
- Common Core training workshops are ongoing. This is a 4 module training series. State requires district coaches. We have 2 at HS, 3 at MS, 2 at BBS plus Christine

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

1. BOE Policy 3130 – Publication/Delivery to Fiscal Authority (2nd reading) – On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. BOE Policy 6141.321 – Technology and Instruction (2nd reading) – On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
3. Teacher Evaluation – Ms. DeBarge presented the proposed modification to the Teacher Evaluation process. On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the proposed modifications to the Teacher Evaluation process as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Drug Offense Data – On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to table discussion on this item to the April 9th meeting in order to gather additional data on this topic. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

CAPT Graduation Requirements – Ms. DeBarge presented the recommended change given EWPS is now participating in SBAC. On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to hold in abeyance the requirement to pass CAPT ELA and Math in order to graduate for Grade 11 students requiring retest and Grade 10 students for the current year. (This requirement to be revisited for the 2014-2015 school year.) The vote was unanimous.

XV. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

1. Wellness Policy Revision (1st Reading) - Student Representative, Samantha Couture stated the need to allow food in the classroom due to length of classes and lunch times. Dr. Kane noted safety as the reason due to potential allergic reactions from students and staff. The ability to access breakfast for students entering the EWHS back door was discussed. Dr. Kane will investigate and report at the next meeting.
2. Regional School Calendar - Ms. DeBarge presented information regarding the proposed regional school calendar mandated to start in the 2015-2016 school year.

XVI. LIAISONS' REPORT

Town Meeting will take place at Town Hall on April 1st for the added appropriation of a School Resource Officer (SRO).

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

W. Schultz inquired (on behalf of the Wellness Committee) if checklists could be created for the start of school. Dr. Kane noted teachers are provided with a copy of the Employee Handbook which contains the must-do's.

XIX. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XXI. ADJOURN

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DeBarge
Recording Secretary

Catherine Simonelli
Board Secretary