

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
January 9, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman C. Mickey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chairman W. Schultz, Secretary C. Simonelli, W. Raber, G. Michna, R. Maynard, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, Superintendent T. Kane, and Student Representative Mallory Norman.

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board approved the added agenda items. Vote 8-0

V. MINUTES

On a motion by W. Schultz, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the minutes of December 12, 2012, with the request to amend said minutes to include C. Simonelli's name into the Liaison Report as a member of the Wellness Committee. Vote 8-0

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation at this time.

Due to the oversight of the omission of the Student Representation item on the agenda, Mallory Norman provided her report under this segment. She reported that STAR testing had taken place at East Windsor High School. Growth was prevalent in all areas, particularly in Math. Winter sports were underway, as were mid-term exams. She also reported that EWHS would soon be hosting The Rodney Smith Wrestling Tournament. At the East Windsor Middle School, the focus for Prime Time will provide students with an opportunity to discuss and examine elements related to promoting a positive school climate. Students will view various video clips, specifically selected for each grade level. The focus will allow for structured discussions to be held with Prime Time advisors on taking a proactive approach to handling issues of bullying, as well as cyber bullying. Recently, students were also able to take a climate survey. The results will be tabulated, examined by staff, and be included in the discussions between students and their Prime Time advisors. Finally, at the elementary level, students are focused on learning. 94% of the student population met behavior expectations for the month of December.

VII. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. Kane reviewed information regarding School Performance Reporting, as provided in Board packets. The state will be visiting Broad Brook School to see the progress the district has made with the Alliance Grant. It was reported that the turn-around efforts we have in place are the strongest the state has seen in the application process. Additional information is available to the Board, if necessary. She also noted that Christine DeBarge will take over the helm in this process come mid-February. She also reported that the candidate for the new Assistant Principal position will be brought before the Board for their approval.

As a participant on the interview committee, R. Maynard briefly reported on the interview process used to fill this position.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (VOTE REQUIRED)

None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION)

FY14 Budget – Dr. Kane reported that FY14 budget parameters were recently received from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. A Public Hearing with the Board of Selectmen will need to be scheduled for purpose of discussion, prior to the February 25, 2013 workshop.

X. NEW BUSINESS (VOTE REQUIRED)

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION)

- a. Signage at EWMS – The issue of poor visibility of the EWMS entrance sign was discussed. As a remedy, reflective strips were added to the sign and a higher wattage bulb installed to better illuminate the sign. It was also recommended that we reach out to the neighboring property owner to seek their willingness to remove or trim the evergreen.
- b. Response to Newtown Tragedy – Dr. Kane updated the Board regarding parental concerns due to the recent tragedy. Chief DeMarco is scheduled to meet with the district Administrative Team for Business on January 28 to discuss and review our district plan. He will also extend an invitation to the Fire Department. District security/safety plans will be reviewed and revised, as necessary, throughout the year. (added agenda items:)
- c. Board Member Resignation – Due to the resignation of Lynn Stanley, effective January 1, 2013, a replacement will need to be selected by February 15, 2013.
- d. Modular Update – Dr. Kane read the content of an email memorandum from Rich Labrie, project coordinator, relative to the current modular project. The district is at the top of Category B (as published on the State Department website). It is proving to be promising that we will receive funding for this project. Commitment letters will be sent out in the spring with funding information.

In speaking about Broad Brook, Dr. Kane also provided an update on the boiler issue that occurred at Broad Brook School over the past weekend.

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

K. Bilodeau, C. Simonelli, and W. Schultz reported on their participation at a recent Wellness Committee meeting. The Committee seems to be unclear relative to the state requirements. They inquired as to whether or not CABA would be willing to provide assistance in interpreting said requirements and also provide electronic copies of the policy for editing purposes.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation at this time.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

W. Schultz recommended the original Strategic Planning participants also be invited to attend the January 30, 2013 meeting. Mr. Maynard requested teachers also be invited. Dr. Kane will be sure to include them on the list of invitees.

Dr. Kane requested Board members to arrive fifteen (15) minutes early to their meeting on January 23 in order to be photographed for the 2014 EWHS yearbook.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendar of Events
2. Suspensions
3. Letter to Republican Town Committee Re: Filling a Vacancy
4. The East Windsor High School *Wildcat*
5. The Broad Brook School Monthly Parent Newsletter

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss pending claims. Vote 8-0

Executive session ended at 9:02 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.
Vote 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

APPROVED 1/23/13