

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
September 24, 2014  
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, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, Dr. G. Michna, P. Nelson, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, and Dr. T. Kane. Absent: Vice Chair C. Simonelli and N. Macsata

Also present: C. DeBarge, J. Houle (TMS), R. Labrie, L. Foxx, M. McKee, and community members.

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board approved the additional items: Strategic Plan Update, Broad Brook Incident, and Broad Brook Modular Project Update. The vote was unanimous.

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board approved the September 10, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

N. Macsata joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current EWPS personnel report provided in their packets.

**VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dr. Kane informed the Board that Mr. Chapulis has been transferred to a district closer to his home. She introduced Dr. Judith Houle to the Board as our new TMS business manager.

Dr. Houle reported:

- August budget has been posted to the TMS website.
- Expenditures (spending plan) are where they should be at this time of year.

The Board reviewed the August budget summary as provided.

**IX. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Dr. DeBarge expressed her appreciation to the Board for their kind words and thoughts relative to her father's recent passing.

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She provided an update on current curriculum initiatives as they relate to the Common Core:

- Text-dependent questions
- Student site evidence for their conclusions
- Text-based questions
- 1:1 initiative update

Mr. F. Lopes, district digital literacy specialist, provided a presentation outlining the collaboration of Edline and Common Core as they relate to the 1:1 initiative (technology and differential instruction).

Dr. Kane commended Mr. Lopes for his work with staff in the 1:1 initiative.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Kane reminded the Board of the upcoming Strategic Action Planning meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. She informed the Board Laurie Whitten, Town Planner, will be in attendance and will be incorporating our goals into her upcoming report.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Broad Brook Incident – Dr. Kane invited Ms. Foxx and Ms. McKee to this evening's meeting to provide an overview of the recent fox incident at Broad Brook Elementary School.

Dr. Kane and the Board commended all Broad Brook staff, administrators and heroic teachers for their prompt and admirable response in this circumstance. The police are planning to commend the staff in the near future.

**XIV. LIAISONS' REPORT**

S. Morgan reported his attendance at a recent PTO meeting. He also provided an overview of the recent Community Day events.

**XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. Kane informed Board members that a laptop computer has been provided in the Board Room for their use, as requested.

N. DeSousa thanked the Board for waiving the fee for use of the EWHS cafeteria for the recent ALS fundraiser. They raised over \$3,000 at the event.

K. Bilodeau noted she received an inquiry from a parent relative to the request for EWHS senior class boys to wear a shirt and tie for their class pictures. Dr. Kane will investigate the inquiry and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

C. Mickey reported the presence of our new school resource officer at Community Day to meet parents, students, and community members.

**XVII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Calendar of Events:

- EWPS and Town calendars
- EWMS *Wildcat*
- Broad Brook newsletter

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:27p.m. to discuss strategy and negotiations regarding pending claims or pending litigation. The vote was unanimous.

The Board moved to the EWHS Guidance Conference Room and reconvened in executive session at 8:35 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn executive session at 9:20 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by N. Macsata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board recommended to the East Windsor Building Committee to proceed with Fuss & O’Neill to test the windows at BBES for possible PCS in the amount of \$10,201, and also an adjustment to the modular bid timeline to separate the windows addendum from the original bid and release the addendum after the modular bid has been opened (date to be determined). The vote was unanimous.

**XIX. ADJOURN**

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to adjourn this evening’s meeting at 9:25 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Board Secretary

Approved: