

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2017  
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, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa, W. Raber

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, H. Banas, D. Casella, K. Hellerich, D. Rouillard, EWPS teachers, EWEA President J. Jette

N. DeSousa joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**IV. VISITATION**

D. Casella, EWPS Safe School Climate Coordinator/Behavior Intervention Specialist, was present to outline how we address our district discipline initiatives:

- District-wide Restorative Practices
- District-wide Staff Appreciation on December 13/Safe School Climate

**V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**VI. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the November 21, 2017 meeting minutes. The vote was 8-0-1 (S. Morgan abstained).

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Matt Chasen, EWHS Music Director, was present to publicly apologize for making insulting comments in a recent email to parents.

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no report this evening.

**IX. SCHOOL REPORT**

East Windsor Middle School – K. Hellerich introduced T. Donovan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts teacher, who shared her recent acceptance to speak about Standards-Based Grading at a national convention.

**X. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

**XI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

In A. Paquette's absence, Dr. DeBarge provided the Board with an update on the district's financial status:

- Functioning with the same surplus – programming changes will affect the surplus

- Application was recently made for an Open Choice academic grant
- Confirmation still outstanding as to our status as an Alliance District
- Food Service reimbursement is not running on time; we will be expecting reimbursement later than usual

**XII. CURRICULUM REPORT**

H. Banas reported on current district curriculum initiatives:

- Early release PD days based on curriculum work
- Focus is on writing strategies (strengthening writing skills)
- Pacing guides – ELA
- Science curriculum complete for grades 1,2,3,4,6,7,9,10 (writing for grades 5, 8 & 11 will take place in the spring)

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

Policy Update: Naming Facilities – On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board tabled this item to their next meeting agenda to allow the sub-committee members time to convene to review policy changes. The vote was unanimous.

**XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. Updates:
  - a. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project – Dr. DeBarge noted the Building Commission is still determining whether or not we have the grounds to terminate the contract with ModSpace.
  - b. FY18 Budget – This item was discussed during the Financial Update portion of the agenda. Dr. DeBarge reported only items being approved for purchase at this time are for safety/security, health or IEP needs.
2. Board Sub-Committee Member/Liaison Assignments – The Board reviewed the current list and designated assignments accordingly.

**XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. Job Description – Teacher in Charge – On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the job description as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. EWPS 2018-2019 School Calendars – On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board approved the calendars as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XVII. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

C. Simonelli reported her attendance at the recent BOS meeting. She noted the change to their meeting schedule from the first and third Tuesday of each month to the first and third Thursday of each month.

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Also discussed was the displeasure of the Community Day Committee with the Board of Selectmen. As a result, funds were released from Community Day and the event will be called Heritage Day next year.

**XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XIX. MISCELLANEOUS**

D. Swaim noted his attendance at the recent student recognition breakfast and his pleasure with the initiative.

Dr. DeBarge shared a “thank you” note from the EWPS Athletic Facilitator to the EWHS Booster Club for their \$1,200 contribution to fund the co-op Swim Team.

Dr. DeBarge also noted the high school’s recent receipt of a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobile.

Finally, Dr. DeBarge shared EWHS student athletes were also recognized:

**Boys Soccer** – Nico Brigada: Class S All State, All NCCC; Amin Mohammed: All-NCCC

**Girls Soccer** – Morgan Masters: Class S All-State, All-NCCC

**Boys Cross Country** – Deon Sanchez: Class S All-State, All-NCCC

(Awards for Football have not yet been announced.)

S. Morgan reported his attendance at a recent Veterans Council meeting.

Chair C. Simonelli requested Board members notify her of their attendance at all Board meetings.

K. Carey-Trull noted she recently worked 2 days at the BBES Holiday Store.

**XX. CORRESPONDENCE**

Enrollments, Calendars of Events

**XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for a session this evening.

**XXII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:29 p.m.  
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

**Approved:**