

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
May 24, 2017  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. George Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Asst. Superintendent Dr. C. DeBarge  
Absent: K. Bilodeau, S. Morgan

Also present: L. Foxx, M. Ryan, K. Hellerich, D. Rouillard, A. Masters, A. Paquette, T. Osoimalo, EWEA President J. Jette, parents, community members

K. Bilodeau joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

The 2016-2017 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Outstanding Student Award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building administrator:

Adrianna Rodriguez - BBES  
Emily Owens - BBES  
Owen Duffy - EWMS  
Allyson Monstream – EWHS

**V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Updates:
  - a. BBES Modular Project
  - b. Alliance Capital Grant I & II
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to EWHS

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to approve the added agenda items as listed. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. MINUTES**

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the May 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no report this evening.

**IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

**X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A.Paquette reviewed the current report provided in Board packets:

- They have started to conduct reclassifications
- The carry-over of grants will help off-set the 2018 budget
- A meeting has been scheduled on May 25 with the interim treasurer to clarify the non-lapsing fund issue

**XI. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Dr. DeBarge reported on the current curriculum initiatives:

- Review of end-of-year data
- Creating plans to address data
- Plans to be solidified for a future meeting

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. Updates:

- a. BBES Modular Project
- b. Alliance Capital Grant I & II

The Board reviewed a written update from Dr. Kane in her absence at this evening's meeting:

*BBES Modular Project- June 19<sup>th</sup> work begins on floor replacement, construction of walls in the special education room, sidewalk replacement and landscaping replacement.*

*EWMS Roof Project- The project was approved by the state and the bid has been posted. It is expected to start at the beginning of July.*

*Alliance Grant I - The window project began this week. Abatement is being done after school hours. (A copy of the letter that was sent home to BBES parents was also provided.)*

*Alliance Grant II- As you know, the grant has been approved. We are waiting for confirmation of the funding through the Bond commission.*

2. FY18 Budget- K. Bilodeau and K. Carey-Trull reported their attendance at the BOF meeting, scheduled at Town Hall, prior to this evening's BOE meeting. The meeting included discussion on mandates, rules and regulations that justify educational funding.

Should the budget go to the third referendum and fail for a third time, the budget will automatically go to 2%. The final referendum is scheduled to take place on June 13.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. E-Rate Board Resolution- A vote is required by the Board for funding for our district telecommunication, phones, circuits, bandwidth, internet, fiber optics, etc.

On a vote by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2017-2018. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2017-2018 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services. The vote was unanimous.

2. Job Description – Director of Curriculum- On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the job description as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. Policy Updates:
  - a. 5145.53 – Gender Identity & Expression- This policy will be placed on the next BOE agenda for a second reading and a vote.
  - b. 7230 – Green Cleaning Program- On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous. On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
  - c. 9323 – Construction of the Agenda/Posting of the Agenda- On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on this policy. The vote was unanimous. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to EWHS- Dr. DeBarge shared a written outline of the events of the recent 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the high school as part of their transitioning initiatives.

**XVI. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

K. Carey-Trull and D. Swaim commended the middle school on a job well done at their recent musical.

Dr. DeBarge shared correspondence from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) announcing one of our middle school students, Rakshit Bisoi's essay was chosen as one of the ten finalists of the first annual CT Great Teachers Essay Contest. The contest was held in honor of Connecticut's inspirational teacher-leaders and Teacher Appreciation Week. Rakshit wrote his essay about his teacher, D. Bidwell.

N. DeSousa commended the BBES staff for their helping hands to all students.

Chair C. Simonelli shared prospective dates for the Board to conduct their self-evaluation. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to schedule work on the self-evaluation on June 19, June 22, and June 28 from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in room N4, EWHS.

**XIX. CORRESPONDENCE**

Calendars of Events

**XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:45 p.m.:

1. To discuss security strategy or the use of security personnel or devices
2. To discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an opening meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. G. Michna, and W. Raber left the session at 8:55 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:42 p.m.

**XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Secretary

**Approved:**