

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
February 25, 2015
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, and Dr. T. Kane. Absent: P. Nelson

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. J. Houle (TMS), D. Couture, Student Representative, and community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the February 11, 2015 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

M. DeSousa, 10 Rice Road, requested consideration by the Board to appoint Mr. William Raber to the BOE as the new member.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report to present this evening.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to discuss item XI. Presentation and Possible Appointment of the New BOE member. The vote was unanimous.

XI. Presentation and Possible Appointment of the New BOE Member – Mr. William Raber was present as the DTC recommended candidate to fill the vacancy on the BOE. When asked by C. Simonelli for his reasoning to return to the Board, Mr. Raber responded by stating it was time for him to return; noting he missed serving in this capacity.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board accepted the appointment of Mr. William Raber as the new Board member. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to return to agenda order. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packets.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. J. Houle noted the FY16 budget workshops were underway and FY15 spending was going accordingly.

X. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. DeBarge shared the overview of the upcoming March CMT/CAPT and Smarter Balanced administration and also the Spring Smarter Balanced/ STAR/AP/SAT exams.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

Presentation and Possible Appointment of the New BOE Member - This item was taken out of order and discussed earlier in the agenda.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. BBES Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reviewed the email sent by First Selectman, D. Menard relative to the Public Hearing on the Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project on March 11, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the EWHS auditorium. Community members are encouraged to attend.
2. EWMS Nurse’s Suite Update – Dr. Kane noted R. Baker recently met with Town Building Committee Chair, A. Rodrigue and the two lowest bidders on the Nurse’s Suite project. Requested paperwork from the bidders will be submitted on February 26.
3. EWMS Incidents – Dr. Kane recapped the recent incidents at the middle school:
 - Safety and security protocols were followed.
 - Evacuation of middle school students to the high school went very smoothly.
 - Bus company was in full cooperation with the incident.
 - Police involvement
 - Internal debriefing/outside sources
 - Assembly was held by administration speaking to students about the importance of keeping their environment safe.
4. FY16 Budget Update – Dr. Kane informed the Board of her meeting today with Town personnel and Ovation Insurance relative to negotiating a new insurance plan. They will meet with other vendors prior to making a decision on a vendor.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XV. LIAISONS’ REPORT

None

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

M. DeSousa, 10 Rice Road, stated that the state was allowing towns to “piggy back” on the state insurance plans. She suggested revisiting this option.

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

C. Simonelli noted EWHS student, Daisia Walker was named Class S State Champion in the Long Jump.

K. Bilodeau inquired on the status of the roofs due to the recent snow storms. Dr. Kane informed the Board and community that they have been working with Rand Stanley to evaluate the roofs and that the snow loads have been well within acceptable ranges.

S. Morgan mentioned this was the last week to submit Box Tops for Education at EWMS or BBES.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Calendar of Events

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. The Board relocated to the EWHS Guidance Conference Room to conduct the session.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. and returned to Room N4.

XX. ADJOURN

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn this evening’s meeting at 8:40 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Board Secretary

Approved: 3/11/15