

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
November 13, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairman W. Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman W. Schultz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman W. Schultz, Secretary C. Simonelli, R. Raber, K. Bilodeau, Dr. G. Michna, R. Reichle, and Superintendent T. Kane. Absent: Chairman C. Mickey and N. DeSousa

Also present: C. DeBarge, E. Keleher, H. Thomas, J. Smith, L. Foxx, Dr. K. Kopczynski, Samantha Couture, Student Representative, R. Labrie, R. Brown, P. Barlow, and community members

IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Each building principal (or designee) introduced their respective Outstanding Student Award recipient to the Board members and public:

Rakshit Bisoi – Broad Brook Elementary School
Zaiba Khan – East Windsor Middle School
Danielle Sassi – East Windsor High School

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Resignation of Board Member
- b. Warrant Signatory
- c. Project Completion
- d. Grant Award

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board approved the added agenda items. Vote: 6-0

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by G. Michna, the Board voted to accept the minutes of October 23, 2013. Vote: 6-0

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jason Bowsza was present on behalf of community members to request student involvement in the decision-making process relative to the courtyard project.

Jackie Shouldice, 15 Spring Street, East Windsor, CT, voiced her concerns with the recent decision relative to the East Windsor High School courtyard.

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Samantha Couture, BOE student representative, stated the student body would like to be allowed the opportunity to provide input relative to the decision-making process for the courtyard project.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Samantha Couture was present to provide input and feedback on the posted agenda items.

IX. SCHOOL REPORT

E. Keleher and H. Thomas presented a report regarding the safe school climate work at East Windsor High School:

- Safe School Climate Team
- Unity Team
- Advisory
- 3Rs (Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Ready)
- Teen Leadership Program
- Stand Up Program

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

Broad Brook Modular Project Specifications – R. Labrie, R. Brown, and P. Barlow presented the current specifications relative to the Broad Brook modular project. They requested final approval by the Board.

A motion was made by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau that the Board of Education approves the plans and professional cost estimate for the project entitled: Broad Brook Elementary School Extensions and Window Replacement Project, State Project No.: 047-0035, as specified on engineering and architectural drawings, plans specifications and professional cost estimate, dated November 13, 2013. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to act on Project Close-out Completion. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

Project Close-Out/Completion – Mr. Labrie informed the Board of two outstanding projects that have been completed within the district and never closed out with the state; one of which was a fire code violation project conducted and completed years ago and verified via the review of archived documentation. He requested a vote by the Board approving completion of this project. He will also require a vote to approve completion on the second project (roof project), once documentation has been confirmed.

A motion was made by C. Simonelli, 2nd by G. Michna wherein the East Windsor Board of Education approves as completed the Broad Brook Code Violation Project, No. 047-0034 for public school purposes. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

EWPS Educator Evaluation and Support Plan – C. DeBarge presented the language changes to the plan according to the new state criteria.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved the changes to the Educator Evaluation and Professional Development Plan for the East Windsor Public Schools. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

EWHS Courtyard Project Update – Dr. Kane presented the findings of the investigation of a complaint regarding the clean-up of the EWHS courtyard. She reported that she and Mr. Keleher met with students relative to next steps. A work party is planned for early spring to complete the project. It is anticipated the courtyard will be ready for utilization shortly after that time.

Grant Award – Dr. Kane was pleased to announce the district's receipt of a security grant in the amount of \$186,652. The state will provide \$99,319 while local funds, through Capital Improvement Projects will provide \$87,333.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Foreign Language International Trip – Dr. K. Kopczynski presented her request to offer students enrolled in Spanish class the opportunity to travel to Spain and Italy. The trip will be conducted through EF Tours during the 2015 April vacation with a projected 6:1 student/teacher ratio in attendance. She is proposed the trip at this early date to take advantage of discounted rates. Also, it will allow students the ability to make monthly payments toward the cost of the trip.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the offering of the international trip to Italy and Spain in April 2015. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

Warrant Signatory - Due to the resignation of R. Maynard from the Board and C. Simonelli's resignation from this sub-committee, a need to reassign the role of register signatory exists.

R. Reichle and G. Michna volunteered.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Resignation of Board Member – Mr. Maynard's resignation has resulted in a vacancy on the Board of Education. A letter was sent to the Chair of the Republican Town Committee requesting the nomination of a replacement.

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

W. Schultz recommended revisiting the Board sub-committee assignments.

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XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Tammy Lucey, 186 Depot Street, Broad Brook, stated her concern with the current class sizes (Grade 2) and inquired when the budget process would begin to address this situation for next year.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Bilodeau informed the Board of her need to cancel her reservation for the CABE/CAPSS conference on November 15 & 16 and offered her reservation to any available/interested member.

T. Keleher invited the Board and community to the EWHS NHS Induction ceremony on November 14th, at 6:30 p.m. in the EWHS auditorium.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. *The Wildcat*
2. *Broad Brook Newsletter*
3. Copy of student commendation letter

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations – Certified. The time was 9:15 p.m. Vote: 6-0

Executive session ended 9:49 p.m.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to accept the Certified contract as negotiated by the CEA and BOE representatives and ratified by the CEA union members. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by G. Michna, the Board voted to adjourn. The time was 9:49 p.m. The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Approved: 11/26/13