

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 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 Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, W. Raber, S. Morgan, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: N. DeSousa

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, Student Rep. D. Couture, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, E. Kelleher, D. Rouillard, K. Hellerich, students, community members

IV. Outstanding Students

The 1st Quarter Outstanding Student recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective principals:

Kassidy Smith – Grade 12, EWHS
Elizabeth Parlapiano – Grade 8, EWMS
Kaitlyn Rouleau – Grade 4, BBES

V. Added Agenda Items

None

VI. Minutes

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, The Board approved the October 25, 2017 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. Public Participation

None

VIII. Student Representative

There was no report to share this evening.

IX. School Report - Broad Brook School Elementary School:

Laura Foxx and Matt Ryan spoke about Leadership Opportunities for students including:

- Bus Ambassadors
- Morning Announcements
- Kindness Club
- Classroom Buddies

Dr. DeBarge presented a framed sign acknowledging the committee involved in Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project. The glass frame was made by Mr. Kaplan's Foundations of Tech classes and will be displayed in the main corridor of the school. His class also constructed a standing desk/podium that was made to assist a special education student. A letter will be sent to the students involved in these projects to thank them for their efforts.

Chair C. Simonelli informed the Board of her recent conversation with the Town Clerk and clarified new members would take office on November 21, 2017, which is next BOE scheduled meeting. She noted K. Carey-Trull will not serve as a voting member this evening as she was elected to fill a vacancy that ended on November 7. Her new term will begin on November 21.

Chair C. Simonelli also noted this was the last meeting for Dr. G. Michna as a sitting Board member as he did not seek re-election. He has been a valuable six-year member and his insight has been appreciated. He will be missed.

X. Unfinished Business: Vote

None

XI. Unfinished Business: Discussion

Updates:

- a. BBES Modular Project – Dr. C. DeBarge shared a letter written to Architect Roy Brown from the Building Committee regarding their extreme displeasure with ModSpace and their wish to terminate the contract due to ongoing issues with landscaping and sidewalks.
- b. Alliance District School Building Grant- The roof project at the middle school is progressing. It has been delayed by a couple weeks, but according to R. Baker, the company has been responsive to leaks during heavy rainstorms and their quality of the work is good. Project completion is still expected before winter.
- c. FY18 Budget – There is no update to provide at this time as we are still awaiting word on the state budget.

XII. New Business: Vote

Organizational Chart - On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board approved the updated chart as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. New Business: Discussion

None

XIV. Liaison Reports

None

XV. Public Participation

None

XVI. Miscellaneous

Chair C. Simonelli informed the Board a recent periodical recognized new local school designs.

She also mentioned CAFE would be conducting a leadership program for new members on December 7 in Rocky Hill. K. Bilodeau noted Board members are volunteers and the district should cover costs for members who may be interested in attending. It was the consensus of the Board to cover the cost in this instance.

Dr. C. DeBarge provided clarification to inquiries posed at a prior meeting regarding the BBES Modular Project and preschool waiting list:

- The four-unit modulares are used for three FRC rooms and one professional development room
- There are nine 3-year-olds and twenty-five 4-year-olds currently on the preschool waiting list

An inquiry was made as to whether CHC health centers are strictly for students. Dr. C. DeBarge noted the information we have indicates by state statute they are for students only.

Dr. C. DeBarge reported the Veterans Day events scheduled at our schools:

- BBES - Students will be writing thank you letters to veterans, specials classes will talk about Veterans Day, students will have a BBES Road Race (on Monday due to cold weather on Friday), all students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue
- EWMS - Students will write letters to veterans, students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue, and there will be a program for eighth-graders
- EWHS – Students will follow an advisory schedule to attend an assembly, students will make posters for the road race, band and chorus students will perform patriotic songs at the assembly
- At all schools, students and staff will honor veterans that work with us every day.

XVII. Correspondence

- a. Enrollment
- b. Calendars of Events
- c. PTO update
- d. Booster Club Safe Grad Auction - Saturday, November 11

XVIII. Executive session

There was no need for executive session this evening.

XIX. Adjournment

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Reichle, Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull