

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
December 10, 2014
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, P. Nelson, N. DeSousa, N. Macsata, and Dr. T. Kane. Absent: S. Morgan

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. J. Houle (TMS), L. Foxx, and community members.

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. Macsata, the Board approved the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. Macsata, the Board approved the November 19, 2014 special meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. SCHOOL REPORT

L. Foxx provided an update on the status of the BBES School Governance Council.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

D. Couture updated the Board on the news and upcoming events at the schools.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current EWPS personnel report provided in their packets.

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Houle informed the Board of our current financial status:

- Results of operations for November are not yet posted to the TMS sight due to host/server changes. Results were emailed to each Board member.
- Awaiting Title I & II Grant funding.
- Spending is going accordingly.
- Working with the auditors Re: FY14 budget.
- Initiated quarterly reports and meetings with Town Hall.
- Working on the start of FY16 budget.

XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. DeBarge provided an update on current curriculum initiatives:

- October STAR data is updated on the data wall.
- The Social Studies Department was recently awarded \$4,000 as a result of writing a grant on their understanding of the Common Core.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the board voted to move New Business: Discussion – Town Planning Report out of order for discussion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Town Planning Report – East Windsor Town Planner, Laurie Whitten was present to review and discuss the East Windsor Board of Education goals and plans for inclusion in the upcoming Town Planning Report. This will require the Board to review their core goals and outline changes they would like to see within the town over the next 10 years. In order to comply with the upcoming report deadline and taking into consideration the work involved in compiling information from all town departments to produce such a report, the Board agreed to meet on January 5, 2015 to discuss and prepare their update for the report.

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by N. Macsata, the Board voted to revert back to the order of the written agenda. The vote was unanimous.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading:

- a. 3326.3 – Board of Education Credit Card
- b. 5110 – Student Attendance

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to approve the revision to policy 3326.3 – Board of Education Credit Card. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. Macsata, the Board voted to approve the revision to policy 5110 – Student Attendance. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reported the East Windsor Building Committee voted to move the modular project forward and awarded the bid to ModSpace. The question arose as to whether building only the 10 classroom unit and using dividers to make 14 classrooms violated the intent of the referendum. The Building Committee did not wish to seek a legal opinion relative to this matter. However, Town First Selectman, D. Menard did seek one.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

None

XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

XVI. LIAISONS' REPORT

None

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Bilodeau inquired as to the motivation for the School Messenger calls from the middle school and high school relative to students not being allowed to dress in costumes for Halloween. Dr. Kane will seek information regarding this.

XIX. CORRESPONDENCE

- Calendar of Events
- Correspondence from East Windsor Visiting Nurse Association
- Samples of BBES Veterans Day Letters

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XXI. ADJOURN

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by K. Bilodeau/N. Macsata, the Board voted to adjourn this evening's meeting at 8:50 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Board Secretary

Approved: 1/14/15