

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
November 12, 2014  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Auditorium**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Vice Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ATTENDANCE**

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

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. P. Tudryn, D. Casella, E. Keleher, H. Thomas, K. Hellerich, D. Rouillard, L. Foxx, and community members.

**IV. VISITATION: HONORING STAFF**

Dr. Kane provided a recap of the fox incident on September 22, 2014 at Broad Brook School. School staff members, Elissa Danielle, Denise LaPre, and Justin Piwonski were honored with a Certificate of Commendation for their quick response, bravery and heroism by BOE Vice Chair, C. Simonelli and Dr. T. Kane, and were also presented with a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly by State Representative Christopher Davis. Ms. Daniele was also presented with a Certificate of Merit from EWPD Detective Carl on behalf of Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart and the East Windsor Police Department.

**V. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

The Outstanding Students for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter were introduced to the Board by their building principal. The students were:

Gabriella Coughlin (Grade 2)

Nathaniel Tardif (Grade 8)

Wayne Osborn (Grade 12)

Vice Chair C. Simonelli welcomed D. Couture as the new BOE Student Representative.

**VI. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion by N. Macsata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to accept the added agenda items: Substantial and Impressive Decrease of EWHS Discipline Referrals and National Anti-Bullying Day Events. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Nelson, the Board approved the minutes from the October 22, 2014 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reported the progress with the BBES modular project is on track. Bid packets have gone out to respective bidders and the bid opening is scheduled to take place on November 14, 2014.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. Foreign Language Trip - 2016 – Enclosed in their packet, the Board was provided copies of information relative to the proposed trip for high school students during the 2015-2016 school year. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the 2015-2016 trip to Costa Rica. The vote was unanimous.
2. Out-of State Field Trip – The EWHS Model Congress has requested approval to attend the annual Model Congress event at American International College, Springfield, MA on January 8-10, 2015. On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Nelson, the Board approved the request as submitted. The vote was unanimous.
3. East Windsor Board of Education Meeting Schedule – On a motion by N. Macsata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board approved the proposed 2015 BOE Meeting Schedule. The vote was unanimous.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. EWHS Unity Team – Mix it Up Lunch – Ms. H. Thomas presented an outline of the Mix It Up Lunch hosted by the EWHS Unity Team. The Unity Team started four years ago and is comprised of Choice and East Windsor students. The purpose of the event was to get students to converse/mingle with one another. EWHS senior, Wayne Osborn, explained the event in greater detail and also reported on past and upcoming events.  
(The next 2 items were taken out of order by the Board.)
2. National Anti-Bullying Day Events - Mr. D. Casella, District Safe School Climate Officer, reported on the various district-wide events that took place on National Anti-Bullying Day on October 22, 2014.
3. Substantial and Impressive Decrease of EWHS Discipline Referrals – Mr. E. Keleher was pleased to report on the substantial decrease of EWHS discipline referrals, which include, but are not limited to office referrals, internal suspensions, detentions, out-of school suspensions, referrals to ISS, etc.
4. Policy Revisions- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:
  - a. 3326.3 Board of Education Credit Card
  - b. 5110 Student AttendanceDiscussion ensued relative to the two aforementioned policies. The policies will be placed on the next Board agenda for a vote.
5. Pre-K Fee Payment/Non-Payment – Dr. Kane informed the Board we will be reaching out to those families who have not paid for three consecutive months for the Pre-K program to notify them that their child will be disenrolled from the program and those students next on the list will be informed of the vacancy in the program.

Letters will be sent home reminding them of the non-payment, including a free/reduced lunch application, should they be eligible to apply, and also include language relative to disenrollment, if necessary.

6. November 25, 2014 Meeting Cancellation – It is recommended to cancel the November 25, 2014 meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All members were in agreement.

**XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XV. MISCELLANEOUS**

N. Macsata wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

C. Simonelli noted the EWHS Booster Club would be conducting their Safe Grade Auction on Saturday, November 15, in the EWHS cafeteria. She also mentioned the upcoming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

**XVI. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Enrollment
3. Strategic Plan Update

**XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for an executive session this evening.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by N. Macsata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan/K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Secretary

**Approved: 12/10/14**