

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

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan and W. Raber Absent: K. Bilodeau, P. Nelson

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, E. Keleher, H. Thomas, K. Hellerich, L. Foxx, Dr. P. Tudryn, D. Rouillard, W. Parker, Student Representative, D. Couture, J. Richards, BOS liaison, and community members

IV. OUTSTANDING BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

In recognition of Board of Education Month, our members were presented with a token of appreciation for their dedicated service to our students, staff and community.

V. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The Outstanding Students for the 3rd quarter were introduced to the Board by their building principal. The students were:

Ryder Bowidas (Grade 2)
Chinmay Vadlamudi (Grade 5)
Sean Riordan (Grade 11)

VI. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VII. MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the March 9, 2015 budget workshop minutes. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the March 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to discuss New Business: Vote – East Windsor Youth Center Proposal. The vote was unanimous.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

East Windsor Youth Center Proposal – An update to the original proposal to operate the East Windsor Youth Center in available space at East Windsor High

School was provided. The Board of Selectman did not vote to include operating costs for the Teen Center into the Town budget. Wendy Parker of the EW Youth Center stated her overall concern was the hours of availability. She was hoping to extend the hours and include weekends. The Board reviewed the memo to Dr. Kane from W. Parker dated March 16, 2015.

BOS member/BOE liaison, J. Richards stated although they appreciated the offer to use space at EWHS, he, too, would have liked to have seen extended hours and use on weekends. He suggested using \$33,000 requested for the program proposal to utilize alternate space that could accommodate their needs.

There will be no vote by the BOE on this initiative until the BOS has voted on such.

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to table this item to a future meeting. The vote was unanimous.

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

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

D. Couture provided an update on recent news and events at all three schools.

X. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packets.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Paquette provided an update on the current financial status:

- Spending trend is going as planned
- Close out and year-end projections

XII. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. DeBarge provided an update on the district-wide STAR results. Kudos were provided to staff and students for all their hard work to increase our scores.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. BBES Modular Project – Chairman C. Mickey provided a recap on the East Windsor Building Committee meeting on 3/24:

- The Building Committee came to no conclusion relative to the cost or options for the project, nor did they officially go forward for a vote. The vote was tabled to their next meeting on 4/7.
- They want to go out to rebid; 4 units to start immediately, then tearing down the 8 and building the additional 10 units.

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2. FY16 Budget – The proposed BOE FY16 Budget was presented to the BOF which included: Budget Line Items, Needs List, Budget Guidelines. The BOE is scheduled to meet with the BOF at their budget workshop on 4/6 at 6:30 p.m. - Town Hall.
3. Amended 2015-2016 EWPS School Calendar - The start date for teachers for the 2015-2016 school year was adjusted by one day per EWEA contract language.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by Dr. G. Michna, the Board approved the calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

1. Out-of-State Field Trip Requests – The Board was presented with an out-of-state field trip request to Six Flags, Agawam, MA and another to Universal Technical Institute, Norwood, MA.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board approved both out-of-state field trips as presented. The vote was unanimous.

2. EW Youth Center Proposal – This item was taken out of order and discussed earlier in the agenda.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XVII. LIAISONS' REPORT

None

XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS

R. Reichle inquired on the status of the tree planting at BBES in honor of our staff relative to the September fox incident at the school.

She also informed the Board that EW Police Officer/EWPS SRO T. Stepien, along with some of her fellow police officers, will be participating in a bike-a-thon in May from New Jersey to Washington D.C. to support the families of fallen police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

N. DeSousa inquired about the funds that were donated and put on hold for the playground equipment at Broad Brook Elementary School due to the modular project. Dr. Tudryn informed her the funds were expended and playground equipment has been put in place in the school playground.

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of our student participation in recent Social Studies events and competitions. She also informed them of our student art work currently on display at the State Legislative Building.

S. Morgan noted the American Legion will be hosting a Clam Bake on 4/3 to benefit the EWHS scholarship fund. He also noted the PTO Parent Night Out on 3/29.

Discussion also ensued relative to the costs and donation for the upcoming April EWHS Close-Up trip.

XX. CORRESPONDENCE

- Calendar of Events
- Correspondence Re: EWHS Close-Up Program

XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

L. Slate and Dr. C. DeBarge left the session at 9:00 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board accepted the Interim Superintendent of Schools Contract of Employment between the BOE and Dr. C. DeBarge. The vote was unanimous.

XXII. ADJOURN

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn this evening's meeting at 9:20 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Board Secretary

Approved: 4/8/15