

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

**7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom**

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**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ATTENDANCE**

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, W. Raber, K. Bilodeau, D. Swaim, F. Neill, S. Andrews, Dr. C. DeBarge

Also in attendance: Dr. P. Tudryn, D. Rouillard, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, T. Field, C. Bava, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, W. Gage, L. Slate, Student Representative, R. Syme, S. Burndrett, community members

Absent: C. Sevarino

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

C. Sevarino joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**V. MINUTES**

1. April 8, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to accept the regular meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows:

W. Raber – yes, F. Neill - yes, S. Andrews - yes, K. Carey-Trull - yes, R. Reichle - yes, D. Swaim - yes, K. Bilodeau - yes, C. Sevarino - yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was unanimous: 9 yes, 0 no.

2. April 29, 2020 – Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to accept the special meeting executive session minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: W. Raber - yes, F. Neill - yes, S. Andrews - yes, K. Carey-Trull - yes, R. Reichle - yes, D. Swaim - yes, K. Bilodeau - abstained, C. Sevarino - yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

3. May 4, 2020 – Special Meeting Minutes

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to accept the special meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: W. Raber - yes, F. Neill - yes, S. Andrews - yes, K. Carey-Trull - yes, R. Reichle - yes, D. Swaim - yes, K. Bilodeau - abstained, C. Sevarino - yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

**VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

R. Syme shared the news and events at all three schools.

**VII. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report and congratulated our upcoming retirees.

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to discuss the curriculum report. The vote was as follows:

W. Raber – yes, F. Neill - yes, S. Andrews - yes, K. Carey-Trull - yes, R. Reichle - yes,

D. Swaim - yes, K. Bilodeau - yes, C. Sevarino - yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was unanimous: 9 yes, 0 no.

**CURRICULUM REPORT**

D. Rouillard provided the Board with an update on distance learning:

- Teachers working diligently on technology they are using (See-Saw/Office 365 teams/Zoom)
- The state continues to share resources for staff implementation to students
- EWHS AP testing began this week
- Work on professional development, Portrait of the Graduate (PoG), etc., starting for summer and for the next school year

Chair C. Simonelli noted her receipt of letters from the community relative to their positive feedback on our distance learning initiatives. Kudos were provided to the entire EWPS staff relative to their dedicated service during this pandemic.

**VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

This item was addressed later in the agenda under budget updates.

**IX. CURRICULUM REPORT**

This item was reported earlier in the agenda/minutes as voted by the Board.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

1. FY20 Budget – A. Paquette provided an update on the following:

- a. Preliminary balance reported as of May 8, 2020 is a balance of \$104,154.38
- b. Projected funding sources as of May 8, 2020
- c. Revised projections through June 30, 2020, considering yet-to-be encumbered expenses – This projection takes into consideration the carrying over of grants as discussed.

2. FY21 Budget – Dr. DeBarge reported there have been significant changes since the Board voted on the budget – The most significant was that of the change in insurance. She informed the Board that we are now able to roll grants over to our next school year, as outlined by the state. After the final budget vote by the BOF, the BOE received a budget increase of 3.27% over FY20. She suggests the BOE look to reduce the budget by \$187,000 by eliminating items that will have least impact on student learning. After much review and discussion, the Board considered the following reductions:

- CIA (Curriculum Instruction) standardized testing - \$2,487
- Teacher in-service - \$1,000
- CIA general supplies - \$1,300
- Tech contracted services - \$2,000
- EWMS instructional supplies - \$5,000

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- BBS office/instructional supplies - \$5,000
- Special Education conferences staff - \$500
- Food Service contingency - \$27,500
- EWHS instructional/office supplies - \$5,000
- Adjust special education anticipated increase from 5% to 3% - \$27,240
- Special Education contracted services - \$7,500
- Freshman boys basketball - \$4,192
- CIA contracted services - \$2,950
- PLC leaders EWHS - \$23,496
- Elimination of half-time tech - \$17,778

**Total: \$132,943**

**(\$54,372 additional cuts needed)**

Chair C. Simonelli noted her receipt of letters she received from the community regarding the budget and her forwarding of those letters to the remaining Board members. She stated the Board hears their concerns, has concerns of their own, and agree with all comments provided.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to have the superintendent move forward with the identified cuts and revisit any additional cuts at a future meeting, if necessary. The vote was as follows: W. Raber – yes, F. Neill - yes, S. Andrews - yes, K. Carey-Trull - yes, R. Reichle - yes, D. Swaim - yes, K. Bilodeau - yes, C. Sevarino - yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was unanimous: 9 yes, 0 no.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

None

**XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

As noted on the agenda, those wishing to make public comment were invited to email them to Board Chair C. Simonelli prior to this evening's meeting.

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters: Donations

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Raber, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. at 9:56 p.m. The vote was as follows: W. Raber – yes, F. Neill - yes, S. Andrews - yes, K. Carey-Trull - yes, R. Reichle - yes, D. Swaim - yes, K. Bilodeau - yes, C. Sevarino - yes, C. Simonelli – yes. The vote was unanimous: 9 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Board Recording Secretary

Approved: 5/27/20