

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 -7:30 p.m.
East Windsor High School, Library
76 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT 06088**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair R. Reichle led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Chair R. Reichle, Vice Chair H. Spencer, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, F. Neill, D. Swaim, C. Sevarino, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, A. Paquette, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, community members

Absent: W. Raber

IV. VISITATION

There was no visitation this evening.

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

August 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by F Neill, the Board voted to accept the regular meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kristen Burnham, 38 Stoughton Road, shared her 11-year old son was diagnosed with Type1 Diabetes and is being denied all reasonable accommodations by the school. She noted she contacted the school on August 17 to notify them that he would be starting school on August 30, after a long hospitalization. She shared he is on a 504 plan and the staff does not know how to use his glucose monitoring system. He has yet to start school and she is finding it difficult to get work sent home for him. She also noted the Department of Justice provided her with Standards of Care accommodations. She is requesting the staff be trained and his accommodations be put in place.

Thomas Burnham, 38 Stoughton Road, verbally shared written correspondence he received from a CCMC social worker relative to his son's 504 plan. He has concerns with his son's social and emotional well-being as he has yet to attend school. He is concerned he is falling behind.

VIII. SCHOOL REPORT

East Windsor High School – A. Anderson and B. Kaminski reported on the following:

EWHS 2021-2022 WELCOME BACK:

- Portrait of a Graduate/School Climate & Equity Mission Statement/Shared Goals & Social-Emotional Learning/Evidence Based Practice
- Themes for High School:
 - PRIDE: New Staff/Facilities
 - Plan to Persist:
Advanced Placement Courses/Edgenuity/Support

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

X. FINANCIAL UPDATE

FY21 – A. Paquette reported a clean-up of funding sources from the 2020-2021 school year will yield approximately \$23,146 back to the town. (We could add to the 2% fund by only \$15,000 (once audit is over). He shared there is no summation sheet included in the written report due to the fact that grants are just becoming final now.

FY22 – July and August activity: Hiring of personnel – Once hiring is complete, the budget will be realigned.

XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

D. Rouillard reported the following:

- EWPS – Professional Development Calendar and Topics
- State Assessments
- District Performance
- Review of District Plan and Link to Portrait of a Graduate

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. EWPS 2021-2022 School Calendar Update – On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the update as presented. (December 23 is a full day off for students as it is the beginning of the December Break. The calendar included language next to that date as being a shortened day, although it was counted as a full day off and did not change the overall last day of school as June 13.) The vote was unanimous.
2. FY21 Budget – An update was provided under the Financial Update portion of the agenda.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Re-Entry Update – Dr. P. Tudryn reported the following:
 - We are still awaiting an update on COVID guidelines from the state
 - Reviewed the correspondence from Shipman (legal counsel for CAPSS): Potential Consequences of Defying Mask Mandates” as provided in BOE packets
 - If we do not comply with current mask mandates, we could jeopardize our ESSER grant funds and be forced to return approximately \$3,000,000,000
2. Strategic Plan Update – Dr. P. Tudryn noted this will be a standing item on the agenda with quarterly reviews.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

None

XV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Start of the 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. P. Tudryn reported the following:

- High level of energy/enthusiasm from staff and students
- Focused energy with in-person learning
- Students happy to be back in the buildings with their peers
- Distance learners who attended the summer program seem to be comfortable and acclimating well

XVI. LIAISONS’ REPORTS

K. Carey-Trull noted the PTO will be meeting on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at BBS.

Dr. P. Tudryn noted Open Houses will be occurring throughout the month, including virtual online tours as well as teachers being available outside so parents and students can meet them.

It was also noted that “Popsicles with Principals” event at BBS was well attended.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Carey-Trull noted her appreciation for the recent vaccination clinic held for students 12 years and older offered by our district. She inquired if there is a plan to hold a 2nd clinic for those who recently received the 1st vaccination at our clinic.

D. Swaim inquired if someone will be addressing the concerns posed during Public Participation. Dr. P. Tudryn noted it is common practice that school staff follow-up weekly to daily with families pertaining to matters related to attendance. He also noted our attorney is not brought into matters unless the other party has obtained legal counsel, and noted he addresses all email within 24-48 hours.

C. Sevarino asked, pertaining to the concerns posed during Public Participation, if our nursing staff was, in fact, not trained to read the device, as needed. Dr. P. Tudryn noted that our nurses have participated in trainings to support student needs. He noted he would look to have a presentation conducted at a future meeting by our Nurse Leader, Wendy Gage, to provide an overall scope of services/supports nursing provides in-district.

F. Neill shared the Cub Scouts will be conducting a “joining event” for East Windsor Pack89 membership on September 11 at Scout Hall.

F. Neill also noted the themes for tonight are that kids learn better when in school.

XIX. CORRESPONDENCE

Donation acknowledgement letter

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for a session at this time.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by D. Swaim, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Approved: