

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

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom video conference**

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**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 K. Carey-Trull, Secretary H. Spencer, F. Neill, C. Sevarino, L. Sinsigallo, D. Menard (via Zoom), N. Farmer (via Zoom)

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, Student Representative - V. Hernandez (via Zoom), EWEA President – E. Johnson (via Zoom), community members (via Zoom)

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to accept the added agenda item: Nurses Negotiations Sub-Committee, as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the December 8, 2021 minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road, asked the Board to take consideration of Betsy LeBorious for the vacancy on the Board of Education and recommended they act on her nomination this evening.

Betsy LeBorious, 16 Church Street, thanked the Board for their consideration as a candidate for Board of Education membership. She outlined her experience according to her written resume included in the Board meeting packet, and noted she feels her skills would transfer into work she could provide to the Board.

**VII. SCHOOL REPORT**

Broad Brook Elementary School – L. Foxx and M. Ryan

I-Ready Personalized Learning and Teacher Toolbox at Broad Brook Elementary School:

- Alignment to EWPS Strategic Plan
- Alignment to Portrait of a Graduate
- Learning Path
- Learning Path – Reading and Writing
- I-Ready Monitoring Student Usage & Success
- Second Grade Student
- Fourth Grade Student
- I-Ready Teacher Toolbox
- Kindergarten Math Counting 6&7
- Grade 3 Reading – Describing Central Message
- Questions?

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

V. Hernandez shared the news and events at all three schools (attached hereto).

**IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided by HR Director, R. McCarthy.

**X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the written report as provided in their packet.

N. Farmer inquired if the reclassification of expenses (payroll) are where they should be in the system, as it was noted at the last meeting that it was in process. Dr. P. Tudryn noted it has been corrected relative to the general ledger, but that corrections to past payrolls must be inputted by hand.

Dr. P. Tudryn shared the following information relative to business office operations:

- We have contracted with Sherri DiNello to re-organize our business office relative to our needs – She will be present at our next meeting to outline her recommendations
- Patricia West has been contracted as our current interim business manager – She retired as business manager from Enfield 2 years ago and is working with us 2-3 days a week to keep us afloat with our day-to-day operations
- TMS will draw down EFS funds and will conclude their services with the district upon completion of the audit process

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

Filling a Board Vacancy

A motion was made by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Sevarino, to consider the nomination of Betsy LeBoriosis to fill the Board vacancy.

The Board asked B. LeBoriosis to share some of her answers posed to her during the recent interview session by the Town Democratic Committee. She noted she has served on multiple town commissions in various capacities, but never on the BOE. She also noted that her commitment to public education, as well as her personal commitment, would be beneficial to the Board and community. She also shared her understanding of policy and budget as roles and responsibilities of the BOE. Being in public education, she understands the budget (efficient and expedient use of funds) and policy process and the impact it has in programming, personnel, student growth, and community. She stated all decisions are made by the Board as a whole. Relative to her support in a BOE decision she is not in favor of, she stated she believes in transparency and communication toward the best solution. Finally, she noted she broadly considers safety and maintaining students in school (social and emotional concerns)/maintaining staff to be some of the most important challenges by the Board at this time.

The roll call vote to consider the nomination of Betsy LeBoriosis to fill the Board vacancy was as follows: K. Cary Trull – yes, H. Spencer – yes, F. Neill – yes, C. Sevarino – yes, N. Farmer – yes, D. Menard – yes, L. Sinsigallo – yes, R. Reichle – yes. The vote was unanimous.

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. Re-Entry Update – Dr. P. Tudryn reported the following:

- A parent update was completed and ready for sharing on 12/31 when an update was received by the state – The CDC changed the guidelines for quarantine to 5 days, which we have since adopted
- Contact tracing become optimal – When numbers are high it is not effective; however, we continue to conduct the process when feasible

- We are in receipt of test kits from the state and are prioritizing distribution to staff and students who are symptomatic as a means to keep our schools open (Clarification on contact tracing was provided, as well as an outline of the process.)
  - The First Selectman has provided us with adult-sized masks which will be distributed to our middle and high school students, as well as our entire staff (They are too large for our elementary students.) – Additional masks will be provided by the state – We do have a supply of child-sized masks for our elementary students, but they are not N95 quality
  - We are also in receipt of an update from the state, via the CIAC, relative to sports – We are processing this information and will share upon review - At this time, we are only allowing home spectators, at 3 ft. apart (unless in the same household), with no spectators seated behind our athletes
2. Strategic Plan - Dr. P. Tudryn noted we will conduct all our reports based on our Strategic Plan. He inquired if it was the preference of the Board to include this as a standing, individual item on the agenda, as he plans on providing a quarterly update in conjunction with our Outstanding Student and Crystal Apple Award recognitions to the Board. We will share our Strategic Plan by means of tri-folds at Town Hall, East Windsor Library, and perhaps one at each BOE meeting. Paper copies could also be handed out at parent conferences, upon availability. It was the consensus of the Board to only include this item on the agenda at the time of the update.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

2022-2023 EWPS School Calendar – Dr. P. Tudryn noted the proposed calendar provided in the meeting packet. He is looking for input from the Board relative to their preference for dates for the April vacation, as requested by Board and community members at a prior meeting. Discussion ensued relative to the proposed dates for Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dr. P. Tudryn also informed the Board of the change in law which now requires kindergarten students to attend 180 school days. They will now start on the same day of school as our students in grades 1-12.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Carey-Trull, the Board tabled discussion on this item to a future date to allow our surrounding districts to prepare their calendars and allow us to align our April vacation accordingly. The vote was unanimous.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. FY23 Budget Workshops – Dr. P. Tudryn noted the need to establish dates for the FY23 budget workshops. These workshops must occur after February 3, but before March 15. After much discussion, the Board determined the workshops would be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on 2/10, 2/15, 2/17, 2/24.
2. Nurses Negotiations Sub-Committee – Dr. Tudryn informed the Board that our district nurses are unionizing and our need to now establish a sub-committee for purpose of negotiations. K. Carey-Trull, F. Neill, N. Farmer, and B. LeBorious volunteered to participate on this newly created Nurses Negotiations sub-committee.

**XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

N. Farmer noted her attendance at the recent Curriculum Council sub-committee meeting and shared her enjoyment in serving on this committee.

F. Neill mentioned her participation at the recent walkthrough of Broad Brook Elementary School by BOE members.

**XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Charlie Nordell, 7 Grandview Terrace, requested the Board also take the CREC school calendar into consideration when determining our April vacation as many East Windsor students attend schools in that district as well.

Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road, thanked the Board for their vote for Betsy LeBorinous as new BOE member. She feels the town is in good shape with the current Board. She also thanked the Board for considering their requests regarding the April vacation.

**XVII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board there will be an executive session on the January 26 BOE agenda for the purpose of the superintendent's evaluation.

He also reminded the Board that we have contracted with Dr. Michael Rafferty to engage in a self-study through a literacy review. He will be present at one of our February meetings to review our scores.

His final note was to inform the Board our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Outstanding Student reception will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26.

**XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Enrollment

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Neill, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Board Recording Secretary

Approved:

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**  
**JANUARY 12, 2022**

**BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Broad Brook School is experiencing a blizzard! Students are participating in the winter reading challenge:

- For every book or 20 pages read, students earn a snowflake to cover the school on the bulletin board
- One student from each grade level will be selected to win "Principal of the Day"

**EAST WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Students are finishing up their second iReady diagnostic and have worked very hard
- Twenty-eight eighth-graders took the PSAT's in December - Mrs. Whalen and Mrs. Blanchet helped a lot with the planning and the administering of the PSAT's
- Students in 7th-grade science class are creating an ecosystem in a jar - They are trying to make a self-sustaining bottled garden just like David Latimer
- EWMS boys basketball had their first game of the 2021-2022 season vs. Windsor Locks - The Wildcats tried to scratch back into the game with a full-court press, but fell short.

**EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- Midterms are next week
- Freshmen and sophomores took the second installment of i-Ready
- Student council provided breakfast for staff before break
- Art students made EWHS ornaments for all staff members
- Transition program provided free cups of coffee after our Thanksgiving break
- LEOs sent over a video to the seniors of the band playing a song