

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
June 14, 2017
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Dr. T. Kane Absent: Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, Dr. P. Tudryn, E. Keleher, K. Hellerich, D. Rouillard, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, A. Paquette, EWEA President J. Jette, parents, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. VISITATION

Mr. Keleher introduced the 2016-2017 CABE Leadership Award recipients: Natalie O’Konis and Richard Ouellette.

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board approved the May 24, 2017 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

EWEA President J. Jette announced R. Malin is also retiring at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

VIII. SCHOOL REPORT

L. Foxx and M. Ryan reported on the “End of Year Events” at BBES:

- ACES/Field Day
- More to Come:
 - School-wide assembly/Attendance Awards/Presidential Achievement Awards
 - Super Hero Day
 - Step-up Day

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report this evening.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

Policy Update

5145.53 Gender Identity & Expression - On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board tabled this item to a future meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

1. BBES Modular Project-
 - VCT flooring work begins on June 19
 - Sidewalk project work begins on June 21
 - Landscaping work already started
2. Alliance Grant I & II/EWMS Roof Project-
 - Abatement work has started
 - Remaining projects are completed
 - Bond Commission to meet on June 30 to provide funding approval
 - EWMS Roof Project will begin in July. Bid/Contract have been awarded
3. FY18 Budget-
 - Referendum passed on June 13
 - A review of the budget was provided by A. Paquette:
 - 1.55% BOF recommendation vs. 2% per Charter
 - Why 2%?
 - Other BOE Funding Sources
 - What does the adjustment mean?
 - Grants
 - Personnel
 - 2% and 3.5% reductions

W. Raber read for the record, “Under no conditions, am I going to vote to approve any school budget that includes any change (reduction) in work hours or termination for any of the office staff, FRC, or cafeteria staff at the Broad Brook School, East Windsor Middle School, and East Windsor High School.”

The Board reviewed the recommended reductions as presented.

A motion was made by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle in favor (but in protest) of the following reductions:

Broad Brook Elementary School:

- Library Aide to .5 position
- Secretary to 10 months
- Summer School

East Windsor Middle School:

- Summer School
- Staff Reassignment

East Windsor High School:

- Summer School to 1 teacher
- .6 PE Teacher
- .6 Math Teacher

Central Services:

- Reduce McKinney Vento Transport
- Reduce Summer Bus
- Reduce Athletic Bus
- Decrease CS Travel
- Reduce EWMS Secretary to 10 months

The vote was 5-2 (W. Raber and S. Morgan voted in opposition).

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

BOE Summer Meeting Schedule -

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to:

- Cancel the June 28 regular meeting, but post a special meeting/executive session that evening
- Cancel the July 26 and August 9 regular meetings
- Post an executive session on July 12 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

CREC Fingerprinting- The Board reviewed the correspondence provided by HR Manager L. Slate regarding the new staff/volunteer fingerprinting process.

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

S. Morgan noted his schedule has not allowed him to participate on the 250th Anniversary Committee. He offered to resign as a liaison from this committee and invited any Board member to assume his position.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

W. Raber spoke to the self-funding POP preschool program in South Windsor. The program is offered to students who require developmental assistance by grouping them together with peers. He would like us to investigate the feasibility of running such a program. Dr. Kane informed the Board we have the same program in place in our Integrated Preschool program.

D. Swaim noted he was approached by parents with their concern with their 5th grade students on the bus with 8th grade students. He inquired if there was a resolution to breaking up bus runs via grades without imposing an impact on the district.

Dr. DeBarge was pleased to announce the 2018 Teacher of the Year: Catherine Kotula. Ms. Kotula is an 18 year veteran in the EWHS English Department.

Dr. Kane provided clipboards to each Board member commemorating the EWHS #29 status with the *U.S. News and World Report* rating.

S. Morgan reported t-shirts were on sale from the East Windsor Veterans Commission, and also noted they are seeking volunteers to cover shifts at the upcoming Safe Grad event.

Dr. Kane reported the return of a box of EW BOE meeting videos (2003-2009) from the East Windsor High School archive vault. The videos will be included in our summer shredding initiative as the minutes are kept on file.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendars of Events
2. BBES and EWMS Newsletters
3. Enrollment

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting. The vote was unanimous.

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, Dr. T. Kane Absent: Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa, W. Raber

The Board came out of executive session at 9:58 p.m.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Board Secretary

Approved: 7/12/17