

EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2016 – BUDGET WORKSHOP
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM N4

The budget workshop was called to order by Chairman C. Simonelli at 6:18 p.m. in Room N4, East Windsor High School.

In attendance: Chairman C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, S. Morgan, P. Nelson, D. Swaim, Dr. T. Kane, Dr. C. DeBarge

Also in attendance: A. Paquette (TMS)

Dr. G Michna joined the workshop at 6:23p.m.

The budget was presented to the Board as a level-service budget with an increase of 4.9%. This included Cigna health insurance with an increase of 7.9% from last year and a cushion for 2 possible full-time Special Education outplacements plus transportation, should these students move into East Windsor for the 2016-2017 school year. The Board agreed this was a good plan.

Also discussed was the EWPS para survey from Human Resource Director, L. Slate about who may be considering health care. As of March 2, 2016, 12 of our 47 Paras showed interest. At this time, all 47 Paras healthcare costs were included in the 4.9% increase. The Board discussed only putting a possible 20 paras into the totals plus keeping the added Special Education amount. These two factors would be an increase of 3.98% from 2015 to 2016.

Also discussed was the possibility of adding sports back into the middle school at the cost of \$39,000 for a modified basketball program. The Board was also asked by Mr. Knapp to consider adding transportation for students wishing to play football (Stafford co-op).

The Board was also presented with a Food Service Department outline which stated that the Food Service Department was currently maintaining an increase in revenue.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to present the East Windsor BOF a level-service budget, with a 3.98% increase for the 2016-2017 school year. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:16pm. The vote was unanimous.

N. DeSousa joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Approved: 3/16/16