

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 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 pledge of allegiance.

III. Attendance

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

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Also present: A. Paquette, community members

IV. Added Agenda items

None

V. Minutes

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to accept the September 27, 2017 meeting minutes. The vote was 6-0-1. (S. Morgan abstained.)

VI. Public Participation

None

VII. Student Representative

There was no report this evening.

VIII. Personnel Report

The Board reviewed the most recent report provided in their packet.

IX. Financial Report

A. Paquette noted we anticipate the ECS for East Windsor will be held at FY17 levels for FY18, which is good for East Windsor, because a conservative plan was put in place.

He reported a \$20,000 shortfall. Adjustments have been made to the local appropriation budget to reflect the amount approved by the town. In working with the Town Treasurer, the final numbers reflected a surplus of \$10,955, which was returned to the town. They have been working collaboratively and with open communication with the Town Treasurer's Office.

X. Curriculum Report

Dr. DeBarge distributed the STAR reports from September 2017. Literacy numbers are consistent and Math numbers have increased with the scores from this time last year. The district is in the final stages of modifying curriculum. Common core curriculum for grades K-8 has been in place for the past few years.

XI. Unfinished Business: Vote

None

XII. Unfinished Business Discussion

The budget updates were covered as part of the Financial Report discussed earlier in the agenda.

XIII. New Business: Vote

BOE Policy 7551: Naming of East Windsor School District Facilities – First Reading

The Board reviewed the policy presented in their packet. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to return this policy to BPR for further modifications. It will be presented for a second reading at a future meeting.

XIV. New Business: Discussion

None

XV. Liaison Reports

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance at a recent PTO meeting and their desire to acquire additional membership. K. Bilodeau agreed with the importance for people to realize what PTO supports, such as paying for transportation for field trips. Dr. DeBarge noted there is a meeting planned with PTO to discuss their roles and initiatives.

S. Morgan reported his attendance at the recent 250th Celebration Committee meeting. Plans are almost finalized with multiple activities planned throughout the year. Tickets are available for an upcoming masquerade ball at a cost of \$95.00.

XVI. Public Participation

Fran Neill, 153 Melrose Road, inquired about STAR reports.

Gary Mazzone, 5 Petticoat Lane, inquired about the process for naming a facility. Chair C. Simonelli offered to further discuss this matter with him upon the completion of the meeting.

XVII. Miscellaneous

K. Carey-Trull inquired about the establishment of a marketing committee. Dr. DeBarge informed the Board she will looking to recruit a committee to include parents, students, and administrators to brainstorm ideas for marketing our schools.

K. Carey-Trull asked about the status of the digital sign at EWHS. Chair C. Simonelli said there have been some zoning concerns, but that she would check on the status with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Dr. DeBarge announced new solar crosswalk signs have been installed at the Broad Brook Elementary School, with flashing lights for better visibility.

K. Bilodeau stepped out at 8:02 and back in at 8:03 p.m.

D. Swaim reported his attendance at the recent music field trip to UMass - Amherst last week with middle school band students and noted it was a great trip.

G. Michna stepped out at 8:07 p.m.

K. Carey-Trull inquired about enrollment figures provided in the Board packet. Dr. DeBarge reviewed the current enrollment report with the Board. She also reported 92 students left the district between June 30 and October 1, 70% of which moved out of district.

G. Michna returned at 8:13 p.m.

W. Raber stepped out at 8:15 and returned at 8:18 p.m.

K. Carey-Trull inquired about which grades are currently utilizing the smaller modular unit at BBES.

R. Reichle asked if there is a pre-kindergarten waiting list. Dr. DeBarge confirmed a waiting list had been established.

D. Swaim asked about the status of the roof project at the middle school. Dr. DeBarge reported it is still on track, with a slight delay, but should be done before the winter/snow.

S. Morgan acknowledged the orange shirt worn this evening by EWEA President, J. Jette. Mr. Jette outlined Unity Day events where staff and students are encouraged to wear the color orange to raise awareness about bullying.

XVIII. Correspondence

Enrollment

XIX. Executive Session

There was no need for a session this evening.

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XX. Adjournment

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Randi Reichle, Secretary

Kate Carey-Trull, Member