

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
June 12, 2013
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman C. Mickey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chairman W. Schultz, Secretary C. Simonelli, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, W. Raber, G. Michna, R. Maynard, R. Reichle, and Superintendent T. Kane.

Also present: Ed Dunn and Mark Chapulis (TMS), E. Keleher, H. Thomas, P. Tudryn, C. DeBarge, W. Gage, K. Hellerich, J. Smith, L. Foxx, T. Duenzl, T. Osoimalo

IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS – 4TH QUARTER

Each building principal introduced their respective Outstanding Student Award recipient to the Board members and public:

Rebecca Syme – Grade 3 – Broad Brook Elementary School
Bushrah Abid-Khan – Grade 5 – East Windsor Middle School
Suzy Quinn – Grade 11 – East Windsor High School

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by W. Schultz, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to accept the minutes of May 22, 2013, as amended. Vote: 9-0

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to accept the executive session minutes of May 29, 2013. Vote: 9-0

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to accept the executive session minutes of June 5, 2013. Vote: 9-0.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, Madison Carolus, updated the Board on news and events held at Broad Brook Elementary School, East Windsor Middle School, and East Windsor High School. She also thanked the Board for the role they may have played in her receipt of one of two East Windsor Public Schools CAFE Leadership awards.

IX. SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. George Thomas and EWS students Aiyana Smith and Madison Carolus presented information and activities relative to the East Windsor High School Unity Team.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

FY14 Budget – Dr. Kane asked that a special BOE meeting be held to discuss the FY13 financial status. The most recent FY13 status indicates the number of positions needed to be reduced/eliminated is not as great as previously anticipated. The special meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the EWS cafeteria.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. Review – Mr. Keleher presented the results of the most recent NEASC report, including:

- Accreditation Standards
- Accreditation Process
- Recommendations
- Ongoing Process
- Next Steps

He highlighted East Windsor High School has been removed from warning status for the Standards for Accreditation on Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning, acknowledging significant progress to address cited deficiencies. He commended the district, as a whole, for the change in status.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Suggestions for Improvement of Broad Brook School ☺ - Dr. Kane provided an overview of the suggestions from Colleen Bava's kindergarten class at Broad Brook School. Given the difficult budget decision on the agenda, it was thought the Board would enjoy a child's perspective on what constitutes improvement.

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORT

None

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stacy Willey (19 Perry Lane) voiced her concerns that staff may have been prematurely notified of the cuts to their positions. She also noted that the quarterly honor roll list at EWMS is not being published on a timely basis.

Chris Falce (47 Main Street) spoke on behalf of C. Mosher, L. Gibbs, C. Sroka, and G. Goyette – all Broad Brook Elementary School staff in jeopardy of their positions due to budget cuts. She pleaded with the Board not to eliminate their jobs.

Dr. Kane noted her practice to inform the affected staff members before the news goes public, as a professional courtesy.

Bea Corrado asked for careful consideration and diligence relative to staff/position cuts.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair C. Mickey reported the CAFE Leadership Award recipients from East Windsor High School were Madison Carolus and Timothy Sauerhauser.

N. DeSousa was pleased with the number of juniors and seniors who received awards at the EWHS Awards Night.

C. Simonelli praised the fact that our students garnished over \$1M in scholarships.

Dr. Michna inquired about the status of the Broad Brook Elementary School sign. Dr. Kane informed the Board the project was held off due to the needed repairs to the flag pole.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Schultz, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss a pending claim and to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion to be held in an open meeting. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by Dr. Michna to extend executive session past 10:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by Dr. Michna, the Board voted to return to executive session at 10:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Executive session ended at 10:32 p.m.

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XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by Dr. Michna, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simonelli
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 6/26/13