

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, July 2, 2018
East Windsor High School – Room N4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, W. Raber, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge Also present: C. Bava, EWEA President J. Jette, T. Field

IV. VISITATION

East Windsor Middle School Principal – Chair C. Simonelli publicly welcomed Timothy Field to the meeting and the East Windsor school district as building principal at East Windsor Middle School.

V. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. MINUTES

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 13, 2018 as presented. The vote was 7-2. (K. Bilodeau and S. Morgan abstained.)

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Janet Goode, 8 Blue Heron Way, former school teacher, shared her interest in volunteering in the schools. Dr. DeBarge will obtain her contact information and provide it to our HR Department.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

FY19 Budget – Dr. DeBarge reported there was a deficit to start FY19 due to revenue for FY19 used to balance FY18, with cost saving measures in place for FY19. An update will be provided upon hiring completion and summer programming.

Per Dr. DeBarge, the only vote needed at this time concerning the budget would be the 0.8 position of a reading tutor at Broad Brook School.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to retain the 0.8 reading tutor. The vote was unanimous.

K. Carey-Trull inquired about the need to further consider the security staff discussed at a previous meeting. Dr. DeBarge noted candidates have been applying for the positions, but a decision does not need to be made at this time.

N. DeSousa left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

- a. BBES Modular Project - Final projects began as scheduled and are slated for completion by the start of the school year.

- b. Alliance District School Building Grant #2 – Grant projects are underway with completion dates anticipated by the start of the school year.
- c. FY18 Budget – The FY18 budget was expended. Utilities and special education costs were higher than anticipated, as were substitute teacher and long-term sub costs.

Dr. DeBarge reported the budget freeze helped offset these costs, as well as the Choice money that came through the audit.

C. Simonelli noted this is a perfect example of why we save money until the end of the year, because we can't go into the negative. "We don't buy things we do need to save in case we have situations like this."

XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE
None

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION
None

XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS
F. Neill reported her attendance at the recent Pension Board meeting and noted they are putting out an RFP for a new provider.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

XV. MISCELLANEOUS
C. Simonelli reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recently approved the new digital sign the Booster Club had done fundraising to purchase. It can have multiple announcements, be programmed to be turned on and off during different times of the day, and be used to announce sporting events, concerts, etc.

S. Morgan noted the Rubber Duck/Cardboard Boat Race was rescheduled for this weekend, July 8.

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of the recent meeting between herself, EW Police Department, Department of Public Works, L. Foxx, and M. Ryan to discuss traffic and the new parking spaces near the Broad Brook School. She will provide any updates/changes, if necessary.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE
None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Carey-Trull
Board Secretary

Approved: 8/22/18