

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
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

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: Dr. P. Tudryn, E. Keleher, D. Rouillard, T. Field, C. Bava, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, A. Paquette, L. Slate, P. Kokofsky, J. Sauerhoefer, D. Mosher, EWEA President, J. Jette, students, community members

IV. OUTSTANDING STUDENTS – 4TH QUARTER

The 4th Quarter Outstanding Student Award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

- Kylie Keyes – Broad Brook Elementary School
- Xavier Soboslai – East Windsor Middle School
- Jordan Mangiafico – East Windsor High School

V. VISITATION

1. 2018-2019 Crystal Apple Award Recipients - D. Mosher outlined the details of the award as the sponsor of the program. Each building principal then introduced their respective award recipients:

East Windsor High School – Susan Archer, Theresa St. Germain (in absentia) , Kaylee Miodonka (in absentia)

East Windsor Middle School – Lauryn Griscti, Nancy Mulnite, Jaime O’Karma

Broad Brook Elementary School – Katrina Murphy (in absentia), Monica Newcity (in absentia)

2. EWHS Assistant Principal – Chair C. Simonelli introduced Barbara Kaminski as the new East Windsor High School Assistant Principal. Board members offered their congratulations and welcomed her to the district.

VI. SCHOOL REPORT

East Windsor High School – E. Keleher introduced Zaiba Khan and Cole Crynock (in absentia) as the recipients of the 2018-2019 CABE Student Leadership Award.

VII. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VIII. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report to provide this evening in A. Trull's absence.

XI. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. DeBarge reported the FY19 shortfall continues to drop. As of June 3, the balance is approximately \$65,000 from the original amount of almost \$500,000.

Dr. DeBarge also reported that the Food Service Department is working on an anticipated shortfall in the estimated amount of \$87,000, which is an improvement from last year's deficit of \$125,000.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. EWMS Roof Project Close-Out – J. Sauerhoefer confirmed the project was complete and requires a Board vote to complete the project close-out process.

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to accept the project as complete and authorize the superintendent to file the necessary close-out paperwork with the state. The vote was unanimous.

2. FY19 Budget – This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to take New Business: Vote out of order. The vote was unanimous.

XV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Policy Updates:
 - a. 5127/6146 Requirements for Graduation
On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on the policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the updated policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

- b. 6154 Homework Policy
On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on the policy. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the updated policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

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2. Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board approved the request for EWHS students to attend the Close-Up field trip in Washington, D.C. from February 23-28, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

3. 2018-2019 Superintendent Evaluation

Chair C. Simonelli summarized the 2018-2019 evaluation conducted by the Board for Dr. C. DeBarge. The Board commended Dr. DeBarge on a job well done and for her request for no additional compensation for the coming year, due to the current budget situation.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to extend the Superintendent Contract for one year, with no added compensation, as requested by the superintendent. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE (continued from above)

3. FY20 Budget – The Board conducted a *thorough and thoughtful* review of the budget considerations provided to them by the administration. (Dr. DeBarge noted that these are not recommendations made for the Board, rather considerations.)

Chair C. Simonelli called for a short recess at 9:30 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, at 9:37 p.m., the Board voted to meet past 10:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Further discussion of the budget considerations ensued.

Chair C. Simonelli called for another short recess at 10:40 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board *reluctantly* voted to accept the FY20 Budget with cuts as defined according to discussion of the consideration list provided. The vote was *reluctantly* unanimous.

The following represent some of the significant cuts, including 18 positions eliminated:

- 2 MS ELA teachers
- MS reading tutor
- Admin Assistant for Curriculum
- 3 Tutors at Broad Brook
- Instructional Technology Specialist
- .6 Social Studies teacher HS
- Chorus teacher MS
- Perm building subs at MS and BB
- Reading tutor HS
- Math tutor HS
- Reading teacher BB
- Math teacher BB
- World Language teacher MS

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4 additional positions reduced:

- HS art teacher to .6
- HS family and consumer science teacher to .8
- Security reduced by 10 days
- Technology position to .5 (currently vacant)

In addition, approximately 36 stipends were eliminated including PLC leaders/athletic coaches/extra days for guidance.

The entire freshman and JV athletic programs were cut for FY20.

We also lost substantial money in building and technology supplies including instructional, office, and maintenance.

At the late hour, a motion was made by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 7/10/19