

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 23, 2016**

**Broad Brook Elementary School – gymnasium
(immediately following the Board’s participation at the BOF Budget Workshop)**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, P. Nelson, W. Raber, D. Swaim, Superintendent Dr. T. Kane Absent: S. Morgan

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, A. Paquette (TMS), BOS Liaison D. Nelson, EWEA Representative J. Jette

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS - None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the 3/16/16 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - None

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Paquette provided an overview of the updated report.

A request was made to include summary highlights of the report due to the volume of information contained in the report.

X. CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. C. DeBarge outlined the items under New Business Discussion: Course Approvals: EWMS Writing Lab, EWHS AP Spanish Literature and Culture, EWHS World Languages: Polish and American Sign Language.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve all 3 course proposals as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE - None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Updates:

1. BBES Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reported there was a need for Cox Communication to move an underground wire by March 24, 2016 in order to keep the project on track. Initially, Cox Communication was not cooperating in a timely fashion; however, they were able to complete the work earlier today. She also reported the next scheduled construction meeting is April 1st.
2. Alliance District School Buildings Grant – The Nurse’s Suite at BBES was denied by DAS as part of the grant projects as it is considered an alteration, which is not qualified in the grant. Alternative uses of those funds could be for a parking lot, an update to the circle in front of the school, and/or exterior doors.
3. FY17 Budget – There was no further discussion on this item as the BOE participated in a budget workshop with the BOF prior to this evening’s Board meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Course Approvals were addressed and approved earlier in the agenda under Curriculum Report.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XV. LIAISONS’ REPORTS

None

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

D. Nelson, BOS liaison, inquired as to the status of Alliance funding now that BBES has been removed from “Focus School” status. The Alliance Grant was a five-year commitment. We are currently in year four. Funding will continue in FY17.

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Kane noted the gifts and letters for Board members this evening are tokens of appreciation from the district and unions in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter Re: Donation of a car to EWHS

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

W. Raber inquired as to why the additional item requested for inclusion under executive session was not present on the agenda.

Chair C. Simonelli noted her discussion with Board Attorney Chinni. Atty. Chinni will be present at the April 6th BOE meeting to provide legal advice regarding FOI regulations and BOE self-evaluation.

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P. Nelson questioned the omission of the requested executive session item.

Chair C. Simonelli noted it is her responsibility as Chair to insure the BOE follows its policies and legal mandates.

On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations, classified. The vote was 5-3. Ms. Kalesnik, Recording Secretary, requested clarification on the vote as Board members were packing up and leaving. As the vote stood, it constituted an executive session. After a call for a second vote by the Chair, the vote was 3-5. Those in opposition were: N. DeSousa, P. Nelson, Dr. G. Michna, W. Raber, D. Swaim. No executive session was held.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2nd by Dr. G. Michna, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Approved: 4/6/16