

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF  
July 12, 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 Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

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

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, E. Keleher, D. Rouillard, community members

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

Special Meeting/Executive Session Minutes – June 19, 2017

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to approve the added agenda item as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the June 14, 2017 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board approved the June 19, 2017 special meeting/executive session minutes.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Updates:

1. BBES Modular Project-

- VCT flooring tile has been discontinued – They were intending to patch the pieces needing replacement, which is unacceptable – ModSpace will get back to us in a week with a resolution – She will provide email updates as they become available
- Sidewalks are being re-done, but not progressing the way they hoped; pieces have been broken up, but not removed
- Window installation is underway with completion slated prior to the start of school
- Special education wall and corridor work is underway

2. Alliance Grant I & II/EWMS Roof Project:

EWMS Roof Project:

- Company did not pull a permit for the project until July 11 so work will now begin

Alliance Grant #2:

- We are awaiting on grant approval – The Bond Commission cannot authorize funding until there is a state budget

3. FY18 Budget-

The budget is in process. We will provide a full update at the August 23 meeting when all hiring has been completed.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed language in the state budget that may grant BOF or Town Councils line item veto power on non-curriculum and administrative line items.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

EWHS Course Changes:

- Painting I & Painting II ➤ Exploring Painting
- Grade 12 English course from English Lit & Composition ➤ Composition
- Computer Graphics I & II ➤ Digital Art
- Concert Choir

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board approved the proposed course changes. The vote was unanimous.

**X. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. 2016-2017 Superintendent Evaluation

Chair C. Simonelli shared it was a wonderful evaluation. The work was started and completed according to how we educate our students. She read the summary of the evaluation to the public, a copy of which will be posted on the website. The Board members provided kudos and gratitude to Dr. Kane for work well done.

For the record, Dr. Kane responded to the summary by noting it all starts with the Board of Education. They gave her the latitude to do the work in conjunction with a talented team and staff. She noted she had a wonderful experience here at EWPS. She thanked them and wished them all the best.

2. End-of-Year Data

Dr. DeBarge provided an overview of year-end test results:

- Data Highlights
- STAR Literacy – BBES
- STAR Math – BBES
- STAR Reading – EWMS
- STAR Math – EWMS
- STAR Reading – EWHS
- STAR Math – EWHS
- SAT/AP Scores

**XI. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

K. Bilodeau noted she had not been informed of the last two Pension Board meetings and brought this to the attention of the entire Pension Board via email.

N. DeSousa reported S. Muska as the new BOF member.

**XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

F. Neil inquired about “Keyboarding Without Tears” as to whether or not it is an elective and the same as “Handwriting Without Tears” or if it is provided during academic achievement. It was confirmed it would be conducted during class time.

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Chair C. Simonelli shared a “Thank You” note from the Syme family for reimbursing the cost of the Invention Convention registration.

R. Reichle informed the Board of the discussion at a recent BOS meeting regarding purchasing 15 parking spaces for \$125,000.

S. Morgan inquired about the new EWHS assistant principal appointment. Dr. DeBarge informed him discussion on this appointment would be discussed later in the agenda.

C. DeBarge reported her recent contact with the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration committee and the transfer of ideas for the celebration between the schools and committee.

N. DeSousa noted her pleasure with the opportunity on the last day of school for students to meet their teachers for the following year.

C. Simonelli noted reading about districts who parade their senior class members, donning their caps and gowns, through the halls of their grammar school. Students from the grammar school would line the hallways and cheer on the seniors as they passed by. Dr. Kane noted it would be difficult to do so in Connecticut as seniors do not finish their school year earlier than underclassmen.

S. Morgan informed the Board the American Legion was hosting a pig roast on August 20 at a cost of \$20 per ticket. He also noted an upcoming concert for stray dogs at the Trolley Museum to benefit the East Windsor Veterans Fund.

C. Simonelli informed the Board the Town Republican Committee is hosting a Cribbage Tournament/Pig Roast at the German Club on August 26.

**XIV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting. The vote was unanimous.

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The Board came out of executive session at 9:11 p.m.

On a motion by K Bilodeau and 2<sup>nd</sup> S Morgan, the Board voted to appoint D. Rouillard as East Windsor High School Assistant Principal, effective July 13, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

The Board returned to executive session at 9:13 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:23p.m.

On a motion by K Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to move the position of Safety and Security Consultant from a Para Professional Contract to a Personnel Service Contract. The vote was unanimous.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Board Secretary

**Approved:**