

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 2018  
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, Vice Chair R. Reichle, Secretary K. Carey-Trull, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, F. Neill, D. Swaim, Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: W. Raber, S. Morgan

Also present: L. Foxx, M. Ryan, K. Hellerich, C. Bava, E. Keleher, D. Rouillard, J. Jette, EWEA President, community members

**IV. Visitations**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Outstanding Student Award Recipients - The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Outstanding Student recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective principals:

Emma Carter – BBES

Elijah Levy – EWMS

Thais Figueroa – EWHS

2. CABE Student Award Recipients – Chair C. Simonelli introduced Jeff Rodrigue to the Board as one of the two EWHS students to receive the 2018 CABE Student Leadership Award. She also noted Annie Khan as the second recipient, but, unfortunately, she was unable to attend this evening's meeting.
3. EWPS Community Partnership Award Recipient – Chair C. Simonelli introduced David Mosher as the first recipient of the newly established EWPS Community Partnership Award and thanked him for his numerous contributions to the EWPS.

**V. Added Agenda Items**

None

**VI. Minutes**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Neill, the Board approved the May 22, 2018 special meeting/executive session minutes. The vote was 6-0-1 (K. Bilodeau abstained.)

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board approved the May 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The vote was 5-0-2. (K. Bilodeau and D. Swaim abstained.)

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the May 31, 2018 special meeting/executive session minutes. The vote was 5-0-2. (K. Bilodeau and D. Swaim abstained.)

## **VII. Public Participation**

None

## **VIII. Student Representative**

Student Representative, D. Couture, provided her final report (news and activities at all three schools) to the Board after a four-year term as student representative. The Board presented her with a bouquet of flowers thanking her for her years of service to the Board. She was also presented with a service certificate from Chair C. Simonelli at Awards Night for her role at Board meetings.

E. Keleher informed the Board that EWHS student, Tristan Garrick, qualified for the New Balance Track and Field National Championships at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, NC this coming weekend. His recent javelin throw of 182'1" qualified him for his spot in the competition.

## **IX. Personnel Report**

A copy of the current report was provided in the Board packet for review.

## **X. Unfinished Business: Vote**

FY19 Budget – There was no need for a vote this evening.

## **XI. Unfinished Business: Discussion**

Updates:

- a. BBES Modular Project – Projects have been put on hold until school has ended.
- b. Alliance District School Building Grant- Work is ongoing on all primary projects and work on the secondary projects is underway.
- c. FY18 Budget – We are in the process of closing out the 2017-2018 school year.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to add an agenda item to the agenda: Superintendent Evaluation. The vote was unanimous.

Chair C. Simonelli provided an overview of the evaluation for Dr. Christine DeBarge, Superintendent of Schools, as conducted by the Board. In summary, “the Board is excited to have Christine as a member of our team and appreciates her exceptional work ethic. Chris’s focus is on the implementation of the Strategic Plan to improve educational outcomes for East Windsor students. Her organizational skills and leadership have greatly benefited the district. The Board enjoys the positive relationship we share with her and anticipates continued improvement of the strong educational foundation that has been established.”

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Neill, the Board voted to extend the contract for Dr. DeBarge for an additional year, including a 2.75% salary increase, and 2 additional personal days. The vote was unanimous. (Chair C. Simonelli noted on behalf of W. Raber in his absence that he verbally approved the evaluation and terms of contract with her.)

**XII. New Business: Vote**

Job Description – School Security Officer

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board voted to accept the job description as presented. The vote was 6-0-1. (N. DeSousa abstained.)

**XIII. New Business: Discussion**

None

**XIV. Liaison Reports**

Chair C. Simonelli reminded the Board and community of the Town Meeting to be held on June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall to include the vote on the Youth Service Bureau, oil tank, splash pad, fire truck, key fob entry at Town Hall, etc.

F. Neill noted the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee conducted their house garden tours this past weekend.

D. Swaim and N. DeSousa reported their recent attendance at Awards Night at EWHS.

N. DeSousa also reported her attendance at Mileage Club at Broad Brook Elementary School this past Monday.

**XV. Public Participation**

None

**XVI. Miscellaneous**

Chair C. Simonelli reviewed an email from Dr. DeBarge and H. Banas regarding the district's participation in the CAPSS workshop, "Create a Portrait of a Graduate," and the request for Board member participation, which would be beneficial to our upcoming NEASC accreditation. K. Carey-Trull and F. Neill offered to participate on behalf of the Board.

Dr. DeBarge thanked the two Board members who recently participated in the middle school principal interviews and the two that will participate in the second round of interviews.

**XVII. Correspondence**

1. Calendars of Events
2. Correspondence to EWPD
3. School Newsletters

**XVIII. Executive session**

There was no need for executive session this evening.

**XIX. Adjournment**

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Approved: