

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 22, 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, D. Swaim, F. Neill, Dr. C. DeBarge

Absent: N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, Student Representative, A. Trull

Also present: J. Jette, EWEA President

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the May 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes with the recommended amendments. The vote was unanimous.

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the May 1, 2019 and May 9, 2019 special meeting/executive session minutes. The vote was 7-0-1. (S. Morgan abstained)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

K. Carey-Trull provided an update on the news and activities at all three schools in the absence of Student Representative, A. Trull.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. FY19 Budget – Dr. DeBarge noted she reported a shortfall of approximately \$229,000 at the prior BOE meeting. As of today, the new updated shortfall amount is \$189,500. She also noted it would have been even less; however, our diesel fuel needed to be filled, there was a slight increase in a special education tuition, and there was an increase in our trash removal service.
2. FY20 Budget – Dr. DeBarge reported our requested added capital appropriation has been approved by the Town Meeting. There was no additional information to share at this time.

Dr. DeBarge noted an average of \$68,700 per pupil cost is what we spend for out-of-district/day school program tuition, not including transportation.

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Per pupil expenditures include:

- Salaries
- Contracted services
- Supplies
- Technologies
- Materials

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

AT&T Grant –As in past years, we are applying for a \$5,000 competitive grant and are requested to include the employment of each Board member in our grant application to ensure there is no conflict of employment or affiliation that would jeopardize grant consideration.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to provide Board employment, as requested. The vote was unanimous.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

K. Carey-Trull reported the PTO has elected new board members and has provided end of year funding, where necessary.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board she was in receipt of an email wherein Jessica Fett of CHC shared she would not be returning in the fall and wishes the district well.

She also provided a follow-up on the “spider web” climbing structure at the BBS playground. The replacement cost would be \$15,290 plus shipping. It is the recommendation to remove it, being it is not feasible to fix and is past warranty.

EWEA President, J. Jette, reported the EWEA collected \$356 toward the cost for our middle school student to attend the upcoming Invention Convention. Dr. DeBarge noted the balance could come from the EWMS Student Activity Fund.

F. Neill noted she purchased lunch from the EWHS cafeteria last week. Although it was quite tasty, the salad with BBQ chicken was a relatively small portion and she is concerned that students will not purchase it due to the size. Dr. DeBarge informed her that they are plated via health standards.

K. Carey-Trull noted they are seeking volunteers for the Safe Grad party on June 18.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendars of Events
2. Letter of Commendation

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by R. Reichle, the Board voted to enter into executive session 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 time was 8:27 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

W. Raber was not in attendance at the session.

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board came out of executive session at 9:04 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Bilodeau, 2nd by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: 6/12/19