

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
May 13, 2015
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N-4**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman C. Mickey called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman C. Mickey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Chairman C. Mickey, Vice Chair C. Simonelli, Secretary R. Reichle, P. Nelson, W. Raber and Interim Superintendent Dr. C. DeBarge Absent: K. Bilodeau, Dr. G. Michna, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, K. Hellerich, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to enter executive session at 8:03 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 in an open meeting, and to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous

The Board came out of executive session at 8:12 p.m.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to accept the administrative recommendation to appoint the Broad Brook Elementary School Assistant Principal position to Mr. Matthew Ryan. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to change insurance carriers from Anthem to Cigna for the next open enrollment. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by C Simonelli, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order to act on item New Business:Vote – Out-of-State Field Trip. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Out-of-State Field Trip – On a motion by W. Raber, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to approve the BBES field trip to Red Door Theater, Feeding Hills, MA. The vote was unanimous

VI. VISITATION

Assistant Principal, Broad Brook Elementary School – The Board welcomed Mr. Matthew Ryan to the permanent position of Assistant Principal, Broad Brook Elementary School.

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VII. MINUTES

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to approve the April 29, 2015 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Richards spoke to this evening's Town Meeting.

Chris Rudolph, 252 Main Street, reiterated the feelings people have toward Mr. Shonty and his request to name part of the EWHS after Mr. Shonty to honor his upcoming retirement.

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, Diana Couture was not present at this evening's meeting.

X. SCHOOL REPORT – East Windsor Middle School

K. Hellerich reported on the following:

- Art at the Capitol reception is taking place this evening
- Four students moved on to the national History Competition
- Student participation in a Skype session with author Kate Hannigan Re: Civil War, children's literature, becoming an author
- Showcase evening on Tuesday, May 19 at EWMS to include:
 - Literacy activities
 - Content activities
 - STEM project displays
 - Much, much more

S. Morgan joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project - The project passed by two votes at last evening's referendum. A re-count will be conducted due to the small margin. Dr. DeBarge shared Mr. Labrie's written update/timeline relative to the project.
2. FY16 Budget – Chair C. Mickey shared details relative to the Board's attendance at this evening's BOF Public Hearing (prior to the BOE meeting). Discussion among BOF members was based upon their percentage preference relative to the budget.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE REQUIRED

Job Descriptions – On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by W. Raber, the Board voted to approve the Behavior Support Specialist and Transition Coordinator/VOC Counselor job descriptions as presented. The vote was unanimous

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The positions are needed to allow Dr. Tudryn to provide pre-voc training here in the district, as opposed to sending students out-of-district. The program will be modeled after Vernon’s current program. Two current students and potential future students will benefit from this program for ages 18-21. No additional funding is needed for these positions. We will utilize the savings from outsourcing students to fund the positions.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

None

XV. LIAISONS’ REPORT

None

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair C. Mickey spoke to Mr. Rudolph’s request to name an area of East Windsor High School after Mr. Shonty.

Dr. DeBarge provided the following updates to inquiries posed by Board members at previous meetings:

- True Green is the current contractor for our athletic fields. The contract has not yet been assigned for next year.
- A copy of *Pathways to Common Core* is available to the Board for their review.
- Mr. Keleher has been selected and accepted the opportunity to serve on a NEASC visiting team to Oxford High School on May 18, 19 and 20.
- Families with email addresses:

	# of families with email account	# of families activated to Edline
BBES	367 = 77% of enrollment	N/A
EWMS	251 = 80% of enrollment	178
EWHS	228 = 69% of enrollment	125

C. Simonelli received a budget update from BOF member, J. Corso via cell phone text: Budget decrease = \$800,000 = 4%

This breaks down to a \$550,000 reduction to the BOE budget and a \$250,000 reduction to the Town budget.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Calendar of Events
2. BBES Newsletter
3. Enrollment

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by C. Simonelli, 2nd by P. Nelson, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion to be held at an open meeting (BOE Self-Evaluation). The vote was unanimous.

W. Raber left the session at 9:10 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:59 p.m.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2nd by C. Simonelli, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Reichle
Secretary

Ann M. Kalesnik
Recording Secretary

Approved: