

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.
Broad Brook Elementary School
14 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06088**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair R. Reichle led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Chair R. Reichle, Vice Chair K. Carey-Trull, Secretary H. Spencer, F. Neill, C. Sevarino, D. Menard, N. Farmer, E. LeBorious, Dr. P. Tudryn

Absent: L. Sinsigallo

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, R. Galloway (via Google Meets), V. Hernandez -Student Representative, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, Community Members,

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board approved the October 26, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to move and act on agenda item New Business: Discussion – Naming of School Facilities next on the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Naming of School Facilities – D. Gowdy, former EWPS educator, was present and thanked the Board, Dr. P. Tudryn, and A. Kalesnik for the opportunity to speak at this evening's meeting regarding the request to name the EWHS softball field after former educator and coach, Karen Drake. Ms. Gowdy outlined the written statements from community members, former colleagues, students, and athletes relative to Ms. Drake's accomplishments in her role as educator and coach over her tenure at EWHS, which were included in Board packets for their review for this evening's meeting. Also present for Ms. Gowdy's presentation were former EWPS educators, F. Gowdy and M. Harrigan, as well as East Windsor Park & Rec Director, M. Maltese.

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to name the EWHS softball field after Karen Drake. The vote was unanimous.

VII. SCHOOL REPORT

East Windsor High School – A. Anderson and B. Kaminski, along with V. Hernandez provided a presentation based on the EWHS celebrations:

Celebration: Student Achievement Part I – SAT Scores on the Rise!

Celebration: Student Achievement Part II – AP Scores on the Rise!
Celebration: Student Achievement Part III – FAFSA Challenge Met & Exceeded
Celebration: The Revamp of Open House
Celebration: Thank You Letters to Mentors
Celebration: Student Participation – 8th Grade Visit to EWHS
Celebration: EWHS Mentorship Program
Celebration: Pep Rally!
Celebration: School Beautification
THANK YOU!

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

V. Hernandez shared the news and events at all three schools, as well as the Veterans Day activities that took place at each school.

He was also commended for his induction into NHS, as well as a drummer at NCCC.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway provided the following updates (via Google Meet):

FY22 Budget:

- Audit is complete and on time – There is no need for an extension
- FY22 books are closed
- The EOY giveback was in the amount of \$518,802.08 – The amount reported back in the fall was approximately \$269,000 – With the unreconciled amount in withholding of \$160,000 - The remainder of the balance is from updates to accounts and audit adjustments - Everything is now accounted for

FY23 Budget:

- Off to a good start
- Working on grants – Offsets to appear in upcoming reports
- Still working with MUNIS on additional system applications

A request was made for a summary page to the report as was done in the past.

Dr. P. Tudryn noted it is the intent to do so going forward, now that the accounts are cleaned up.

The report will also run 2 ways going forward.

2% Fund Draft MOU

The Board reviewed the draft MOU as provided in their packet. They will bring the MOU before the BOF for discussion.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Strategic Plan – 6-Month Update:

- Dr. P. Tudryn noted the 5-year Plan has been in place for 12 months since its adoption
- 4 Goals – D. Rouillard reviewed feedback and updates for Goals 1 & II:
 - Goal I – Expand Portrait of the Graduate to all grade levels
 - Goal II – Providing opportunities for all students to find their own path to success and ensuring equitable access for all along that path

Dr. P. Tudryn reviewed feedback and updates for Goals III & IV:

- Goal III – Updating and Maintaining Facilities
- Goal IV – Involving the Community – Improving Communication and Community Outreach

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

2023 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by D. Menard, the Board approved the 2023 BOE Meeting Schedule as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Naming of School Facilities

This item was discussed earlier in the agenda, as voted.

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

N. Farmer shared she was not able to attend the recent PTO meeting, but was able to receive an update: Spirit Wear fundraiser is underway, and they are seeking volunteers for the Holiday Store at BBES.

She also noted that Patrick & Heather attended the recent BOF meeting. She was pleased to learn there would not be the need for an audit extension this year.

K. Carey-Trull shared that PTO volunteers would need to fill out the appropriate paperwork and be approved through our HR Department prior to conducting their volunteer work. The volunteer forms can be found on our website for anyone interested.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road, noted that anyone presently on the PTO volunteer list received a notice reminding them of the volunteer process. (The process ceased during COVID and has been since reinstated.)

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

N. Farmer noted she attended the NHS Induction Ceremony and commended the staff for a nice, formal evening.

She also commended E. Daniele at BBES relative to the recent “Trotting for Turkeys” Mileage Club activity. Fun was had by all! “Jogging for Jingles” will be the December Mileage Club activity.

Her final note was that discussion at the recent BOS and BOF meetings indicated the upcoming budget was “not going to be pretty,” due to inflation, etc., and is going to be a lean year.

F. Neill shared the BBES Mileage Club is run during recess time, as well, and volunteers are always welcome.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. Art Council Work at BBS
3. CAPSS letter to Commissioner
4. CAPSS letter to CSDE Board Members
5. Farm to School Grant
6. Auditor email
7. EWMS Grant Award
8. Letters: Donation Acknowledgements, Staff Commendation

Dr. P. Tudryn also shared the EW Rotary Club donated \$7,000 to the EWMS outdoor lunch project.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kalesnik
Board Secretary

Approved: 12/14/22

EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

November 22, 2022

BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November is a busy month for BBS:

- We celebrated Veteran's Day on the 11th
- Picture re-take day was on the 17th
- The Scholastic Book Fair was November 14-17 - Students were able to shop during the day - It was also open after school for two days for families to shop - This year 11 parents contributed to a school-wide e-wallet raising \$290.00 so students who were unable to shop could purchase a book - 23 students benefited taking home new books
- The PK Friendship Feast is November 22nd - PK students and their families will celebrate Thanksgiving with snacks and activities

EAST WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- EWMS had its first Pep Rally of the year today
- We finished our first Spirit Week - Students and staff participated in Hat Day, Storybook Character, College Day, and EWMS Day - Check out the EWPS Facebook page to see pictures
- The 8th grade band will have a concert on December 15th called New Horizons
- EWMS is currently selling spirit gear till December 2nd.
- We will have our first dance in over two years on December 2 - Grades 5 & 6 will be held from 3:00-4:00 p.m., and Grades 7 & 8 will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- The gym floors are being redone and should be completed by Monday, November 28

EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

Broderick Wilczak is EWHS's DAR Good Citizen

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools. The DAR good citizen should excel in the following qualities: leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism. The faculty nominated Lorenzo Resto, Taylor Ribeiro and Broderick Wilczak for this award. Congratulations to all the nominees. The senior class voted Broderick Wilczak as East Windsor's DAR Good Citizen. Congratulations Broderick! Broderick will next be applying for a DAR scholarship.

NCCC Music Festival

The NCCC Music Festival was held on Wednesday, November 16th. EWHS had three choir members and 13 band members participate. Our students performed with over 200 other high school students from 10 surrounding towns for the first time in 2 years. The choir director was Dr. Ellen Gilson Voth, and the band director was Kacey Howard. EWHS music students have been participating in this festival annually for years and it's one of the most rewarding events our students get to attend. Congratulations to the students who performed!

Application Fee Free Day

Students who applied on November 15th to the University of Connecticut and the other four Connecticut public universities (Central, Eastern, Southern & Western) for the Fall 2023 term had the opportunity to have their admission application fees waived. Several seniors participated in this one-day event and applied to one or more schools. Great job to the seniors who took advantage of this day!

The LEO club is in the process of scheduling many service activities to be a part of and they are very excited to get back into being involved in service!

The National Honor Society Inducted 11 new members in a formal induction ceremony last night. A faculty sponsor spoke on behalf of each student, and families were in attendance for this special event. A small reception was held in the café following the ceremony.

The National Honor Society is also promoting one of their largest fundraisers, Munson's Chocolates. Sales are due November 30th and all chocolate will be delivered to buyers before the break.

Students will be voting soon for senior and staff superlatives and we will have a club and superlative picture day at the high school on December 22.

Student Government represented by all four grades at the high school has met and is having conversations on how to celebrate staff in a big and special way before the holiday break!