

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
Broad Brook Elementary School, Room A-5 - 7:30 p.m.**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, L. Sinsigallo (via Zoom), D. Menard, E. LeBoriosis, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, J. Martin, Student Representative V. Hernandez, community members

Absent: N. Farmer

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Hartford Foundation Grant Award
2. 2022 BOE Meeting Schedule – November 9, 2022

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to approve added agenda item “Hartford Foundation Grant Award.” The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve added agenda item “2022 BOE Meeting Schedule – November 9, 2022.” The vote was unanimous.

N. Farmer joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

V. MINUTES

1. October 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by F. Neill, 2nd by C. Sevarino to approve the October 12, 2022 BOE meeting minutes. F. Neill requested the information relative to the replacement of light bulbs to the BBS score board noted in the minutes be removed as they have not yet been replaced. The vote was 8-0-1. (E. LeBoriosis abstained.)
2. October 12, 2022 – Special Meeting/Executive Session - On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented. The vote 5-0-4. (L. Sinsigallo, D. Menard, N. Farmer, and E. LeBoriosis abstained.)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

V. Hernandez shared the news and events at all three schools.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Communications Report – Consultant J. Martin of Martin & Associates reviewed the results of the recent survey provided to our district teachers, parents, students, and community, and shared the work ahead of us:

- Survey Results
- Feedback from Principals and Leadership Team
- Portrait of the Graduate Curriculum
- Strategic Plan

He also shared the newly developed district logo which represents our work with Portrait of the Graduate, as well as a snapshot of our newly designed website due to launch in the near future. It was suggested we also incorporate the elementary and middle school grades in our logo.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

2022 BOE Meeting Schedule – November 9, 2022 – Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board the mediation date for EWEA negotiations has been changed to November 9, 2022 due to availability by participants. A regularly scheduled BOE meeting is also scheduled that evening.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board voted to cancel the November 9, 2022 regularly scheduled BOE meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. Schedule – BOE Goal Setting Retreat

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to schedule their goal setting retreat on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. P. Tudryn also noted his superintendent goals will need to be approved. He would like to present his goals at the December 14 meeting, following the Strategic Plan update at the November 22, 2022 BOE meeting.

2. Hartford Foundation Grant Award

Proposals were collected from EWMS students for a courtyard project, as an extension of the cafeteria, in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. T. Field, EWMS Principal submitted the project to the Hartford Foundation and has been awarded \$5,000 of the \$10,000 cost for the project. An option would be to break the project up and do some of the work at a later time while we gather additional funds to finish the project.

D. Menard shared she has an organization that may cover the balance of the cost. She requested a copy of the project plans to bring forward to the organization next week for approval. We will bring this project to the Finance sub-committee for discussion, if necessary.

XI. LIAISONS' REPORTS

N. Farmer noted her attendance at the October PTO meeting, along with Dr. P. Tudryn. She commended him on a job well done on his presentation that evening. She shared the PTO is planning events such as spirit wear sales, holiday store, etc., and are seeking volunteers. EWHS students provided childcare so parents could attend the meeting.

She also shared her participation in the BBS Mileage Club kick-off. The event was moved indoors due to the prior rain. It was a great night and nice, fun event.

F. Neill shared the upcoming Booster Club Homecoming events: Soccer game on Friday night and Powderpuff on Saturday.

She also noted her participation at the recent Pension Committee meeting. We are still in a good place, but not as good as in past months.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charlie Nordell, 7 Grandview Terrace, recommended the PTO and Booster Club be granted space on our new website.

Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road, inquired as to where we stand with the audit. Dr. P. Tudryn shared the majority of information has been submitted to the auditors. We do not feel the need for an extension and are hopeful to receive that confirmation on Friday. Ms. DeSousa noted she believes the perception of students not wanting to attend EWHS occurred 7 years ago with budget cuts. It was a setback for students and they chose to go out of district as a result.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn shared he has been in contact with Diane Gowdy in her role working with the 1st Selectman, community members, etc. to name the EWHS softball field after former teacher and coach, Karen Drake. Ms. Gowdy will share her presentation to the Board at their November 22, 2022 meeting for Board approval.

F. Neill informed the Board the upcoming annual Cub Scout Food Drive. No bags will be provided this year. Flyers will be placed in residency doors and food will be picked up the following week.

She also noted the EWHS Music Department recently held “Boo Fest,” including the chorus and band. She commended all for a job well done.

N. Farmer noted she had the best chocolate chip cookies she’s ever had at the EWHS music event last evening.

She also requested the Student Representative Report continue to be included with the BOE meeting minutes to be shared with all via the website.

D. Menard requested an executive session for updates on pending litigation and negotiations.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. CAPSS – Connecticut’s Urban and Alliance District – CT Approved K-3 Reading Programs
2. Bus Driver Shortage
3. Alliance District Site Visit Feedback

N. Farmer inquired if CAFE has taken a stance in the CT Approved K-3 Reading Programs. Dr. P. Tudryn stated he has not seen any correspondence from CAFE relative to this topic.

Participation was also established for the BOE negotiations and hearing scheduled for next week.

The Board viewed the EWHS promotional video presentation that was shared with 8th grade students at their recent visit to the high school.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by D. Menard, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/22/22