

EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
East Windsor High School – Library - 7:30 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82532003901>

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair R. Reichle called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, D. Menard, N. Farmer (via Zoom), Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, Student Representative – V. Hernandez (via Zoom), Dr. M. Rafferty, community members (via Zoom)

Absent: E. LeBorious

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

1. February 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by D. Menard, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

2. February 10, 2022 – Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (via Zoom)

Xavier Soboslai, 131 North Road, asked the Board for consideration in changing the hat policy rule, specifically in the section that would allow students to wear hats, beanies, and durags in the hallways, but not in the classroom. He believes that these items help students to control hair, express themselves, and help them feel comfortable throughout the day. Copies of literature on the pros and cons of wearing hats in school, as well as a signed petition, were provided for the Board, prior to the meeting.

E. LeBorious joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Literacy Review – Dr. Michael Rafferty - Dr. P. Tudryn introduced Dr. M. Rafferty to outline the recommendations relative to his recent BBS and EWMS literacy program review:

Summary/Recommendations:

- Recommendation #1 – The EWPS Literacy Block
- Recommendation #2 – EWPS Assessments and Data Protocols
- Recommendation #3 – EWPS Phonics Instruction
- Recommendation #4 – EWPS Intervention Programming
- Recommendation #5 – Revise the Writing Curriculum & Resources for EWPS Students & Staff
- Recommendation #6 – EWPS Multi-Year Improvement Approach

IX. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Due to the district February Break, holiday, shortened interim business staff hours, and budget work, circumstances have not allowed for a report. Dr. Tudryn shared an update would be provided at the next meeting.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. EWPS 2021-2022 School Calendar Update – The change to the calendar reflects the shortened day on March 29, for EWHS only, due to SAT testing. (This date was not available at the time of the initial approval of the calendar by the Board.)
On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to approve the change as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. EWPS 2022-2023 School Calendar
On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the EWPS 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented, which also reflects the requirement for kindergarten participation for 180 school days to start school on the same day as students in grades 1-12, as well as the April 10-14, 2023 vacation, as discussed this evening. The vote was unanimous.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Re-Entry Update – Dr. P. Tudryn noted his email sent on February 22 relative to the mask mandate. The current mandate expires on February 28, at which time decisions on mask requirements will go to local Boards and superintendents. A meeting was recently held with our health experts, etc. Masks will be recommended, but optional, in EWPS beginning on March 14. This allows us time to provide staff and families updates on the changes on protocols related to the new guidance by DPH and CSDE. Changes may occur based on recommendations.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Out-of-State Field Trip Request – The East Windsor High School varsity baseball team has been given the opportunity to travel to Cooperstown, NY to play a game at Doubleday Baseball Field. While there, they will visit and tour the National Baseball Hall of Fame and other historic shops in the community. All full-time varsity players and 6 chaperones/coaches, totaling 21-24 people, would be attending the trip.
On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board voted to approve the trip as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. East Windsor Representation on Rockville Regional Agricultural Education Consulting Committee
On a motion by L. Sinsigallo, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to appoint Mrs. Jennifer Syme to the Rockville Regional Agricultural Education Consulting Committee to represent the town of East Windsor, as nominated by that committee. The vote was unanimous.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

None

XIV. LIAISONS' REPORTS

K. Carey-Trull noted her inability to attend the recent CREC meeting, but forwarded information to our Board Chair, R. Reichle, and Superintendent, P. Tudryn, relative to Sheff Grant funding.

C. Sevarino mentioned that all BOE non-BPR sub-committee members are welcome to bring any of our policies forward to the sub-committee for their review.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

F. Neill asked the BPR sub-committee to review our current hat policy, as requested earlier this evening during the Public Participation portion of the agenda.

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Chair R. Reichle provided a public commendation to Central Office staff member, C. Sauerhoefer for her hard work in getting our payables paid.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Approved: 3/9/22

Please Note: Due to technical difficulties, this meeting was not able to be recorded.