

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Broad Brook Elementary School, Room A-5 - 7:30 p.m.
14 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016**

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, D. Menard, N. Farmer, E. LeBorious, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: B. Kaminski, Student Representative V. Hernandez, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Open Choice/PreK

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the added agenda item. The vote was unanimous.

V. MINUTES

1. February 22, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes - On a motion by L. Sinsigallo, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. February 23, 2023 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop Minutes - On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.
3. March 1, 2023 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop Minutes - On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their meeting packet.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

1. 2022-2023 EWPS School Calendar Update - The request has been made by the EWHS administration for an early release day on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 for EWHS only for the purpose of SAT/PSAT testing. (Annual testing is conducted during the month of March, but the date is not available at the time the calendar is approved by the Board.)
On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board approved the amended calendar, including the early release day on March 22, 2023 for EWHS only, as presented. The vote was unanimous.
2. FY24 Budget - Dr. P. Tudryn noted the finalized budget will be submitted to the Town tomorrow, March 9, in preparation of the Public Hearing on March 15. He requested feedback from the Board members relative to the footnote included on each financial spreadsheet contained in the budget. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to change the footnote language to differentiate the local budget liability and FTE totals.

On a motion by N. Farmer, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board approved the FY24 budget in the amount of \$26,748,366.69, which equals a 3.98% increase from last year's budget. The vote was unanimous.

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X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip – The request has been made by the EWHS administration for students and staff to attend Model Congress at American International College, Springfield, MA from March 30 – April 1, 2023, as they have done in the past (prior to the COVID 19 pandemic).

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the EWHS trip to Model Congress at American International College, Springfield, MA, as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION (added agenda item)

Open Choice/PreK – Dr. P. Tudryn was happy to report he recently received information, based on the dedicated work from EWPS Safe School Climate and Equity Coordinator, C. Gustafson, and communications consultant, J. Martin, to revamp the Open Choice opportunities to open options for our lower grades:

- 16 students are interested in PreK Open Choice; 8 of which are interested in East Windsor as their first choice
- 8 students are interested in East Windsor as their first choice for Kindergarten Open Choice
- 16 students are interested in East Windsor as their first choice for Grade 9 Open Choice – We will take 4 students for this grade

We currently have 3 PreK teachers and would add an extra teacher to be able to offer full-day programs. Four (4) seats would be allocated for the full-day program for Open Choice. (PreK for Choice would be a full-day program.) The remaining full-day slots would be offered to our currently enrolled students who will be moving up to the PreK4 program next year.

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

K. Carey-Trull reported her attendance, as well as the attendance by E. LeBorious, at the FRC meeting on March 7. They are now holding in-person playgroups with participation by approximately 15-20 families, which is generating more contact with parents. Their discussion also included numbers in the before and after-school program, as well as the summer program. They are still seeking members for their Board. E. LeBorious noted her sense that the Park & Rec and FRC summer programming was in “competition” for students and are recruiting the same families. (Clarification was provided that both programs have different criteria, be it age, activities, etc., so there would be no competition relative to recruitment.) Finally, FRC is in the process of filing grants and awaiting grant approval.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

None

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Enrollment
2. EWPS/IBEW Local 42 Partnership
3. Long-Term Facility Planning
4. EWMS Internship Notification

Relative to the EWPS/IBEW Local 42 Partnership correspondence, Dr. P. Tudryn noted he and D. Rouillard visited and were very impressed with their facility. The director may join our EWHS Pathways Committee to explore potential options for our students.

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He also noted there is a Town Public Hearing on the FY24 budget scheduled on March 15 at 7:00 p.m., and the BOE/BOS will present their budgets to the BOF at the BOF budget workshop on March 28.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by L. Sinsigallo, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of the session at 8:47 p.m.

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the written agreement between the East Windsor Board of Education and East Windsor Administrators Association as presented. The vote was unanimous.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by N. Farmer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Heather Spencer
Board Secretary

Approved: 3/22/23

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- BBS has started reading *Ranger in Time*, our One School One book. The book was announced to the students during an all-school assembly. EWPD Officer Mitchell and his partner, Milo, helped announce the book. Biscuit, the Bulldog, was also on hand. Students and families are reading the book together during the month of March. Each family received one copy. Thank you to PTO for purchasing the books.

EAST WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 6th grade held their Science Fair last week - The winners were Elyse Nordell with Fish and a Laser in the category experiment, Emily Kolodziej with Genetics in the category research, Chris Godin with The Periodic Quest in the category invention and Thiru Sivaganesh with Photosynthesis in the category model
- The 5th-8th grade band concert played to a packed house - The students did a fantastic job
- Last week EWMS participated in Read Across America: Monday was The Cat in the Hat Day-Wear your favorite hat! Tuesday was The Lorax Day-Speak for the trees and wear green! Wednesday was Dr. Seuss's Book of Colors Day-Wear your E.W.M.S. school colors day! Thursday was Sleep Book Day-Wear your favorite PJs or comfiest clothes and get ready to Drop Everything and Read! Lastly, Friday was Oh, The Places You'll Go Day-Wear your favorite college or career shirt!

EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Students are preparing to take their SATs on March 22nd
- Congratulations to all of the high school athletic teams this winter season. They all represented the school with Panther Pride
- The Girls' Basketball team fought hard in the State Tournament this past week - They won their first game against Ellis Tech last Wednesday 44 - 39 advancing them to the 2nd round of the tournament against Coventry on Friday night - The team played hard and represented East Windsor well - They went into the 4th quarter only down by 1 point, but ultimately lost 48 - 41 - With no seniors, the entire team will return next year
- Thank you to all the families who have come out to support the student/athletes of East Windsor, and thank you to all of the coaches for a great winter season
- The National Honor Society is holding a can bottle drive on March 25th at the high school from 8am-12am - In addition, students are currently working on planning and executing their individual service projects
- The LEO Club and Lions Club recognized Oyonola Cherubin as outstanding LEO of the Year for her continued commitment and contributions to club events - The LEOs are currently planning for fundraising: Lions Farmers Breakfast and an Earth Day project