## EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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 7:30 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, E. LeBorious, P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, R. Galloway, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, T. Field, L. Daitch, L. Foxx, M. Ryan, Student Representative V. Hernandez, community members

#### IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

## V. VISITATIONS

1. Outstanding Student Award Recipients – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

- Juliette Provost BBS
- Zoe McNamara EWMS
- Makayla Ortiz EWHS

# 2. Crystal Apple Award Recipients – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building assistant principal:

- Charlene Smith BBES
- Carmen Marino EWMS
- Karen King EWHS

## 3. Limerick Contest Winners

S. Charette of the EW Parks & Rec Department introduced the 2023 Limerick Contest winners:

- Abigail Starvish Gr. K-1 (in absentia)
- Juliette Provost Gr. 2-4
- Aliyah Mohammed Gr. 5-8

## VI. MINUTES

- 1. <u>March 22, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes</u> On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Spencer, the Board approved the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.
- 2. <u>March 29, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes</u> On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Spencer, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

## VIII. STUDENT REPRESENATIVE

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

## IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

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

## X. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway reported the following:

- End-of Year meetings with administrators are underway
- All reconciliations are up-to-date
- Working on drawing down grant funds
- FRC monitoring

## XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

2022-2023 EWPS School Calendar Update

On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Sinsigallo, the Board approved the updated calendar, which includes the change to the last day of school as June 13, 2023. The vote was unanimous.

## XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

FY24 Budget

Dr. P. Tudryn reported the following:

- It is best to take a patient, accurate approach and see what we have at the end of the year to determine the flexibility we have for next year's budget relative to reductions, special education tuition costs, etc.
- Hiring Staff replacements due to retirements and resignations are in process
- Fuel lock-in pricing for oil and natural gas
- We will base the budget on the result of the referendum

#### XIII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

H. Spencer reported her attendance at the recent Building Commission meeting. Some of the discussion included: Bids for the roof projects, HVAC Concept Design Services, District Master Planning Service (recommendations to CIP)

N. Farmer shared the PTO will be conducting their Special Person Dance on Friday, April 28 from 6-8 p.m. at BBS.

She also reported the successful Bingo Night at EWMS, which raised approximately \$900.

F. Neill shared the EWHS Booster Club will be holding their annual spring Purse Bingo at EWHS.

## XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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#### XV. MISCELLANEOUS

D. Menard referenced the March 22 Student Representative Report wherein it was reported NHS would be holding a Can and Bottle Drive on March 25 as well as collecting gardening supply donations. She shared that she has a \$100 donation to hand over to NHS this evening from the EW Garden Club, and reported they would also like to donate gardening books toward their initiative.

#### XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollment

#### XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by N. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Spencer, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:17 p.m. to:

- 1. To discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting Superintendent's Evaluation
- 2. To discuss contract negotiations
- 3. To discuss pending claims/litigation

The vote was unanimous.

- R. Reichle left the session at 9:32 p.m.
- C. Sevarino left the meeting at 9:48 p.m. and returned at 9:49 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:51 p.m.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Sinsigallo, the Board voted to approve the contract between the East Windsor Board of Education and East Windsor Education Association dated July 1, 2023 – August 30, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

## XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Menard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik Board Recording Secretary

Heather Spencer Board Secretary

Approved: 5/10/23

# EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENATIVE REPORT April 26, 2023

## BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Over spring vacation, Broad Brook students participated in a spring reading challenge - Students who completed the bingo chart were eligible to win a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card
- Last Tuesday, family Mileage Club Night was held outside We all enjoyed the cool spring air
- Students in Grades 3 and 4 started the SBAC assessments this week Staff members wrote them notes of encouragement to help them feel more selfconfident and to let them know we care about their performance

## EAST WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Before April break, EWMS held a pep rally where students participated in staff vs. students basketball and volleyball games - The 7th and 8th grade students beat the staff in basketball, but the staff won in volleyball against the 5th and 6th grade students
- Last week, Dr. Tony Hill conducted a workshop with our 8th-grade students on the Kindness/Power of Words
- EWMS Student Council recently held its second dance of the year Students had a great time Thank you to Ms. O'Connor and the Student Council for hosting
- Wyatt Temple received an award from the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering for an invention submitted for the semi-finals of the Connecticut Invention Convention - We will find out if Wyatt makes it to the Connecticut Invention Convention finals later this week

#### EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Students went to DC on the Close-Up trip and met with members of Congress or their staff on Wednesday
- Class of 2024 had a successful Red Robin Night that raised over \$100 from food sales and over \$200 on gift basket raffle sales
- 2024 Prom venues are being narrowed down and deposits should be placed by end of April
- The Music Department is collaborating with our 10th grade civics classes to travel to NYC on May 17 Students will visit the 9/11 Memorial Museum and will attend the Broadway show Hamilton
- The spring music concert will be held on May 23 at 6pm and will take the audience "around the world" with a variety of music from different countries
- The band and choir will march & perform in the annual East Windsor Memorial Day Parade in May

- Diversity Club is focusing on Autism Awareness Month this month with informational postings on our high school bulletin board
- The Class of 2023 just finished their Krispy Kreme fundraiser and raised \$900 with a total of 75 dozen sold
- Seniors began selling Prom tickets this week
- The yearbook has been submitted for publishing
- LEO club is hosting senior citizens at the high school to interview them in preparation of a celebration which will take place on May 31 at the Senior Center for National Older Americans Month
- Student Government is planning for teacher appreciation in May
- Class of 2026 exec board had two successful "Dues collection days" and also raised over \$100 at their *Panera* fundraiser