

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 10, 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 7:30 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, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, R. Galloway, W. Quiñones, Student Representative V. Hernandez, community members

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve the 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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

FY24 Budget – Dr. P. Tudryn and R. Galloway reported the following:

- The referendum passed on May 9
- Meetings have been conducted with all departments and administration to close-out purchase orders for the current fiscal year
- Review of grant funding
- There have been as many as 12+ unfilled positions during the school year which yielded a savings to the district (ex. Long-term subs were used to fill in for unpaid leaves, STEM position was not filled until January, year-long vacant special ed teacher, etc.).
- There have been some unanticipated revenues including Medicaid and Choice Program
- Cafeteria account is fully reconciled and has been self-sufficient this year based on revenue generated
- Position Control = 3.8% proposed budget – A 3% budget was set per the approved May 9 referendum, which leaves us to reduce approximately \$251,000 from our proposed 3.98% budget request
- We are busy hiring for the 2023-2024 school year (These salaries appear be higher than budgeted)
- Anticipated savings with special education, and natural gas premiums
- Magnet school tuitions will be increasing
- ESSER Grant review – This is the only grant that can be supplanted
- End-of-Year spending – Tech 1:1 devices
- We will have an update on 5/24 to vote to finalize the FY24 budget

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IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals

The Board was presented with the final written goals in their packet for review. During discussion, there was a recommendation to create objectives under each goal to establish what has been completed. There was also the recommendation to add a mid-year review to establish updates on their goals.

X. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1. Healthy Food Certification Participation

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by D. Menard, the East Windsor Board of Education voted, Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, to certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. The vote was unanimous (9 yes, 0 no).

2. Food & Beverage Exemptions

On a motion by R. Reichle, 2nd by F. Neill, the East Windsor Board of Education voted to allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. The vote was unanimous (9 yes, 0 no).

3. Policy Updates (1st Reading)

a. 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

b. 5127 – Diplomas – Standard and Individually Prescribed Program

c. 6146 – Graduation Requirements

Recommendations were made to all three policies relative to credits/courses necessary for a EWS diploma, which affected all three policies. It allows for flexibility for students to select courses of interest, while also satisfying requirements for graduation.

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on policy 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by E. LeBoriosis, the Board voted to waive the 2nd reading on policy 5127 – Diplomas – Standard and Individually Prescribed Program. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to approve policies 5123 and 5127 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion ensued relative to policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements. The recommendation was made to change the word “Board” to “district” in the end paragraph of 6146 (c) to read, “The district shall create a student success plan....” Dr. Tudryn will contact CABE for an interpretation of the meaning behind “Board”. If necessary, the policy will be brought back to BPR for further discussion before a final vote by the Board.

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XI. NEW BUSINESS:DISCUSSION

School Facilities Strategy Sub-Committee

A recommendation was made at a prior BOE meeting to create this sub-committee as for involvement with the town Building Commission and CIP. It was reported the BOS approved \$120,000 for an engineering study for the EWHS track. This sub-committee will be meeting with W. Quiñones to prioritize our needs so that we have a plan to bring to the Town. K. Carey-Trull was already assigned to this sub-committee when it was put on hold a few years ago. D. Menard and N. Farmer also volunteered to serve on this sub-committee.

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

N. Farmer reported the PTO recently held their "Special Person" Dance, which raised over \$2,200! It was an awesome, packed event (approx. 75 families participated and interacted with one another)! Participants dressed up, including floral corsages on the children. All were well-behaved. It was an AWESOME night – Kudos to the PTO...It's been a successful year for them! She noted there was a meeting scheduled on 5/11 with discussion on officers and the "Color Run" event.

F. Neill noted the PTO "Color Run" event was cancelled for this year, but may run in the fall.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. Hernandez – 20 Allen Drive, inquired if the Mastery Based Assessment discussed during the policy review section of this evening's agenda was the same as the Student Portfolio. Dr. P. Tudryn assured him it was the same and not another required fulfillment for graduation credits.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

R. Reichle reported her attendance at the recent EWHS production of "Cinderella." She noted it was very impressive and well-done, as well as yielding a large attendance both evenings! Approximately 400 people attended between Friday and Saturday.

N. Farmer noted the EWMS 6th grade ELA class recently published another edition of their newsletter. They covered a variety of matters, which even included interviews by her and BOE member D. Menard by the students. It is very positive to be highlighted, and it shows their capability at that age, which is quite impressive!

Dr. P. Tudryn noted the updated enrollment roster provided to the Board this evening. He also provided an overview for the next 3 BOE meetings:

- 5/24 – Strategic Plan Update and FY 24 Budget
- 6/7 – End-of-Year Review from each school, Outstanding Student/Crystal Apple/CABE Student Leadership Award acknowledgements, executive session
- 6/28 – It will be his recommendation to cancel the regular meeting scheduled that evening and schedule a special meeting/executive session for the superintendent's evaluation

E. LeBoriosis thanked Dr. P. Tudryn and R. Galloway for the copy of the contract list discussed at this evening's finance sub-committee meeting.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Farm-to-School update
2. EWPS Summer Enrichment Program booklet
3. Staff commendation
4. DEI Forum

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XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by N. Farmer, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of the session at 9:26 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kalesnik
Board Recording Secretary

Heather Spencer
Board Secretary

Approved: May 24, 2023

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

May 10, 2023

BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- BBS will celebrate Author's Day on May 8 and 9 - This is the first one since 2019 - Students have been preparing writing pieces to share with their families in the classroom - BBS looks forward to restarting this BBS tradition and celebrating their writers
- Mileage Club is in full swing - Parent volunteers are facilitating the program at recess and there are two scheduled family nights, one on May 3 and the other on May 24
- The Book Fair was held last week - Students shopped during the day and families shopped on the evening of May 3
- The annual ACES Day celebration is next week, on May 18th.

EAST WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The EWMS softball team has been practicing hard for their games this week vs. Windsor Locks and Tolland - Their next home game is Monday, May 15th vs. Bloomfield @ 3:45
- Students are working on state testing this week - EWMS will be having a pep rally on May 19 to celebrate their hard work
- Wyatt Temple has moved to the finals of the Connecticut Invention Convention, which will take place at UCONN on June 10th - The award ceremony will be streamed on CIC YouTube for viewing by families and friends
- EWMS Student Council is holding its annual Art Contest - Submissions are due to Ms. O'Connor by May 26th
- EWMS Girls on the Run are participating in their first 5K on May 13th in Bloomfield

EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

- All AP students took their AP assessments
- We are currently doing ExactPath diagnostic administration
- Prom is this Friday May 12th at La Notte in East Windsor
- The class of 2025 held a fundraiser last week at Chipotle in Enfield
- Student groups have been working hard the last few weeks in preparation for teacher appreciation - Safe School Leaders created goodie bags, LEO Club created little sayings and snack packs, and Student Government, along with the help of some of our creative students, created individualized gifts for all teachers at the high school
- The LEO club will be visiting the EW Senior Center at the end of May in honor of National Older Americans Month-with their theme, aging unbound - Students are working on summarizing their interviews to be read at this event
- Yearbook sales have ended at the high school -Through our new vendor, families can continue to purchase yearbooks directly through the entourage website if they missed school sales
- Our school mentors will be visiting EWMS and BBS on May 18th for ACES Day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously Day)
- EWHS awards will take place on May 25th - All students who are to receive an award will be sent an invite - Senior awards are at night, and grades 9-11 will receive their awards during a morning program