

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 24, 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, C. Sevarino, L. Sinsigallo, N. Farmer, E. LeBorious, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, R. Galloway, C. Gustafson, J. Martin Student Representative – V. Hernandez, community members

Absent: F. Neill, D. Menard

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

C. Sevarino made a motion to include an executive session on the agenda, but withdrew her motion.

V. MINUTES

May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – On a motion by E. LeBorious, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

This item was tabled to later in the agenda.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Open Choice Update – Dr. P. Tudryn reviewed the written Open Choice update provided in the meeting packet. He highlighted the benefits, i.e. academic perspective, social and emotional perspective, additional state aid to the district, revenue, etc. J. Martin and C. Gustafson were instrumental in the changes to the programming and recruitment process. They were both commended by the Board for their work. The goal is 100% retention - Open Choice is beneficial to all students

F. Neill joined the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

2. Strategic Plan Update – D. Rouillard reported there have been minimal changes to the Plan since the fall review, with the exception of the following:

Goal #1

- 1st strategy updated cycle – Course proposals will continue, summer learning program (some good feedback), girls basketball update, 6% of EWMS students identified as talented and gifted
- 2nd strategy/written draft of rubric will be updated, J. Martin to spruce it up, Pathways to be included with new courses, community partnerships with Perkins grants, CNA Program Award received today
- 3rd strategy – Structural strategies due to student needs via PD – Ongoing as well as in the future – Collection of data and planning for future instruction/Power School, Google Data Studio

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Goal #2

- 1st strategy – Positive connections, home visitations, student recognition awards, inductions, athletics, club participation and recognitions

Goal #3

- 1st strategy - ESSER & COVID funds were used for building updates
- 2nd strategy – Facility assessment
- 3rd strategy – Equitable access

Goal #4

- New website went live – Working kinks out – Parent friendly

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway shared the following:

- Higher expenditures due to needed repairs
- Supply line - Spending strategically
- More accurate data since all clean-ups
- Membership fees went to incorrect line item in years past, but have since been moved to correct location
- Dr. P. Tudryn also shared we are going forward with the sidewalk repair projects

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE

FY24 Budget – A motion was made by H. Spencer, 2nd by F. Neill, to approve the revised FY24 budget in the amount of \$26,496,750. Discussion ensued on budget adjustments based on our annual savings. The vote was unanimous.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Policy Updates

- a. 2400 – Evaluation of Administrators and Administration (2nd reading)
On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board voted to approve the policy as presented. The vote was 6-2. (N. Farmer and E. LeBorious voted in opposition.)
- b. 3323 – Purchasing Procedures (1st reading)
On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board waived the 2nd reading of this policy. The vote was unanimous. On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by N. Farmer, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.
- c. 6146 – Graduation Requirements – On a motion by C. Sevarino, 2nd by K. Carey-Trull, the Board waived the 2nd reading of this policy. The vote was unanimous. On a motion by N. Farmer, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board approved the policy as presented. The vote was unanimous.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (tabled earlier in the agenda)

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

XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

H. Spencer reported her attendance at the recent Building Commission meeting.

F. Neill reported the Booster Club is wrapping up the year with the upcoming Safe Grad event and recent scholarship awards.

N. Farmer noted the PTO has concluded their fundraising activities for the year and acknowledged Bus Driver Appreciation Week.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

N. Farmer acknowledged the effort made by all BBS staff for a successful and awesome cowboy themed ACES Day. Children were very well behaved.

F. Neill reported the EWHS chorus/band concert was wonderful, as was the EWMS band. The energy and singing were awesome! (Mrs. Anderson even played the clarinet!)

Dr. P. Tudryn noted his recent attendance, as well as that of C. Gustafson, at the quarterly meeting on topics including education and parks and recreation at the Ellington YMCA. It was a great collaboration with other surrounding towns.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

Sexual Harassment Policy from the Town. Board members were asked to review, sign and return the form to Town Hall.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by F. Neill, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Spencer
Board Secretary

Approved: 6/7/23