

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
Broad Brook Elementary School, Room A5 - 7:30 p.m.**

**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, C. Sevarino, L. Sinsigallo, D. Menard, N. Farmer, P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: L. Foxx, M. Ryan, T. Field, L. Daitch, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski

Absent: F. Neill, E. LeBorious

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

**V. COMMENDATIONS**

1. Outstanding Student Award Recipients – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

- Nora Rocca -BBES
- Thiru Sivaganesh - EWMS
- Kasey Mascata -EWHS

2. Crystal Apple Award Recipients – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building assistant principal:

- Laurie Zimmerman - BBES
- Sarah Chmiel - EWMS
- Dr. Rebecca St. John - EWHS

3. 2023 CABE Student Leadership Award Recipients

The CABE Student Leadership award recipients from the EWMS and EWHS were introduced to the Board by their respective building principal:

- Jonathan Gomez - EWMS
- Cooper King - EWMS
- Hunter Bovee - EWHS
- Aliyah Henry - EWHS

**VI. MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2023 – On a motion by K. Carey-Trull, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Sevarino, the Board approved the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

V. Hernandez shared the news/events at all three schools. Upon inquiry, Mr. Field shared that 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, Wyatt Temple, invented an automatic alarm as part of an animal feeder which led to his achievement of a finals award winner for the annual CT Invention Convention.

**IX. PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

2023 BOE Meeting Schedule

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Carey-Trull, the Board approved the cancellation of the BOE regular scheduled meeting date of June 28, 2023. The was unanimous.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Year in Review School Updates – Building Principals

- Broad Brook Elementary School
  - I-Ready Reading and Math scores on the rise
  - New Instructional Programs increasing rigor include Haggerty, Foundations, Reflex, Social Studies curriculum, & STEM classes
  - Student events include Safety presentations, Veterans Day celebration and Boot Camp, Kindness week, Author’s Visit, ACES Day, & Field Trips
  - Family Engagement activities include Kindergarten Orientation, Open House, December Concerts, Family tours, & Mileage Club
  - Building capacity for instructional leadership through the development of school-wide focus and SMARTe goal in addition to professional development and coaching.
- East Windsor Middle School
  - Increase parent communication with bi-weekly newsletters with “A Few Quick Things You Need to Know at EWMS”
  - Developed school-wide focus with student designed slogan and logo
  - Increase in student activities including 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair, weekly Pawsitivity Awards, grade level school dances, sports, 14 afterschool clubs, pep rallies, spirit days, art contest and field trips
  - Community events included holiday breakfast and band/chorus concert for Senior Center, town scarecrow contest, Veteran’s Day supply donation collection, Career Day, internet and social media safety night, band concerts, local author workshop, and Dr. Hill’s presentation to classes on the power of words
  - Advisory classes focused on community and climate building activities
  - I-Ready Reading and Math scores on the rise
  - Goals for next year: increase student academic growth, increase student to student discourse, and expanding the curricular opportunities for students including the talented and gifted program

- East Windsor High School
  - Developed an instructional focus at the high school through work of the building based instructional (teacher) leadership team. Focus is on problem-solving through reading and writing
  - Implemented Exact Path, an assessment tool, this school year to established baseline academic data necessary to monitor student progress going forward
  - Instructional walkthroughs were conducted on weekly basis to support the SMARTe goal by providing feedback focused on tier 1 classroom instruction.
  - Partner and collaborate with the community through the Advisory Board to support students' pathways. Examples include Think about your Future's Week and Investment Class
  - Community exploration student activities have included Unity Day, ACEs Day, Farm to School, Model Congress, college visits, Close Up, and field trips. Five students participated and completed the CNA program and one student completed the Dymotek program in partnership with VRABE
  - Community engagement events included the restructuring of Open House, EWHS block party, FAFSA challenge, and awards ceremonies
  - Community and celebrations this year included achievements by sports teams, the drama production of Cinderella, the positive contributions made by the National Honors Society, Leo Club, and mentor programs.
  - Additional success this year was the completion of the student study lounge as part of the winning proposal for the CSDE Voice for Change
  - Goals for next school year include expanding curricular opportunities and pathways programs

## **XII. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

H. Spencer and D. Menard reported that they recently attended a final CIP meeting and reported that the BBES boilers were approved for funding. D. Menard shared that the CIP Committee members expressed during the meeting that the town is not spending the necessary funds to meet the capital improvement needs within the community. It was suggested that the BOE schedule a walkthrough of school facilities with both CIP committee and BOF members to bring a greater awareness of the capital improvement needs of the schools.

## **XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **XIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. Tudryn shared that band is scheduled to expand opportunities to 4<sup>th</sup> grade at BBES. The opportunity was created through the reallocation of resources by extending the EWHS music teacher to teach one period of instruction a day at BBES. There is no increase to the local budget. The program is anticipated to start this upcoming September 2023.

## **XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Enrollment
2. Commendation Letters

## **XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Carey-Trull, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Reichle, BOE Chair

Heather Spencer, BOE Secretary

Approved:

EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

June 7, 2023

BROAD BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Broad Brook School students finished i-Ready testing and celebrated their growth with their teachers as they reflected on set goals
- 4th graders visited the MS on May 31st and celebrated their promotion at a special field day on June 2 - One of the activities was to paint rocks that will be left behind as a remembrance
- The whole school will celebrate the end of the year with Field Day tomorrow
- All students will meet their next year's teacher and classmates on June 13th

EAST WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- EWMS will be holding Field Day on June 9<sup>th</sup> - Students will be participating in many indoor and outdoor games to celebrate all of their hard work
- 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus students attended the Fantastic Music Festival on June 2 - Both groups earned gold!
- 8th Grade students attended High Meadow today
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony will take place on June 12th in the EWHS Auditorium
- Wyatt Temple will be participating in the Connecticut Invention Convention Student Inventor Finals at UCONN on June 10th
- The grade level teams will be having their end-of-year award ceremonies this week

EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

- 14 LEO members visited the senior center on May 31<sup>st</sup> - The students prepared summaries of their interviews with the seniors from the senior visit to EWHS in April - This was a celebration in honor of National Older Americans month - After reviewing the interviews, our students interacted with the seniors by playing Wii Bowling, chatting, and listening to music and found that despite the differences in age and times, they truly shared a lot with the seniors living right here in their community
- Yearbooks have been distributed to all students who have placed orders - The yearbook advisors are very grateful to the students involved in yearbook this year for making it a wonderful representation of a great school year!
- National Honor Society students are working hard on their hours and wrapping up their service projects - Also, a former student and NHS Member has offered the school some leftover plants from their farm to get us started in our greenhouse!
- Students with AP Potential and their parents were treated to a breakfast in the high school cafeteria on May 30<sup>th</sup> - Students and their families learned about course expectations, summer assignments, and the AP summer Academy from their possible future AP teachers - They also learned the value of taking AP classes in high school

- Award and Scholarship ceremonies were held on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Students in grades 9-12 received departmental awards and grade 12 students received scholarships - Grade 12 students received over \$60,000 during the scholarship event!
- Senior signing day and outing to Six Flags were held on June 1<sup>st</sup> - Also, students who filled out their FAFSA were put in a raffle and prizes were distributed on this day as well
- Seniors attended their Senior Banquet at Merlot on the Water on June 2<sup>nd</sup> - It was a fun night had by all!
- EWHS Class of 2023 Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. on school grounds