

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
7:30 p.m. - Room A5, Broad Brook Elementary School
14 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair K. Carey-Trull called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair K. Carey-Trull led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Vice Chair K. Carey-Trull, Secretary H. Spencer, F. Neill, C. Sevarino, D. Menard, N. Farmer, E. LeBorious, Kari Bettancourt, Gabriela Resto, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, J. Martin, R. Galloway, B. Kaminski, T. Field, L. Daitch, D. Mosher, J. Kennedy, Student Representative- V. Hernandez, community members

IV. COMMENDATIONS

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by F. Neill, to move agenda item number 6, Commendations, to the next item after Attendance, PASSED unanimously

Crystal Apple Award Recipients – 1st Quarter: The 1st quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building administrator:

G. Worthington - Broad Brook School

H. Surrette - East Windsor Middle School

M. James - East Windsor High School

Dr. P. Tudryn thanked D. Mosher for his continued support of East Windsor Schools and the Crystal Apple award.

V. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – Election of Officers

Chairman:

Dr. P. Tudryn entertained nominations for the 2-year position for Chairman of the Board of Education:

A motion was made by D. Menard, 2nd by F. Neill, to nominate K. Carey-Trull as Chairman.

There were no other nominations at this time.

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by N. Farmer, the Board voted to close the nomination for the position of Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

K. Carey-Trull will serve as Chairman for the 2-year term, as her nomination holds as the only nominee.

Vice Chairman:

Chair K. Carey-Trull entertained nominations for the 2-year position for Vice Chairman of the Board of Education:

A motion was made by E. LeBorious, 2nd by N. Farmer, to nominate D. Menard as Vice Chairman.

A motion was made by F. Neill, 2nd by K. Bettancourt, to nominate H. Spencer as Vice Chairman.

On a motion by N. Farmer, 2nd by D. Menard, the Board voted to close the nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

H. Spencer and D. Menard highlighted their qualifications and intentions should they be elected. C. Sevarino and K. Bettancourt spoke in support of H. Spencer. E. LeBorious and N. Farmer spoke in support of D. Menard.

The vote by the Board for position of Vice Chairman was as follows:

K. Bettancourt voted for H. Spencer
N. Farmer voted for D. Menard
E. LeBorious voted for D. Menard
D. Menard voted for D. Menard
F. Neill voted for H. Spencer
G. Resto voted for D. Menard
C. Sevarino voted for H. Spencer
H. Spencer voted for H. Spencer

The vote was 4 members in favor of H. Spencer, 4 members in favor of D. Menard. K. Carey-Trull voted for H. Spencer to break the tie. H. Spencer will serve as Vice Chairman for the 2-year term.

Secretary:

Chair K. Carey-Trull entertained nominations for the 2-year position for Secretary of the Board of Education:

A motion was made by N. Farmer, 2nd by E. LeBorious, to nominate F. Neill as Secretary.

There were no other nominations at this time.

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to close the nominations for the position of Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

F. Neill will serve as Secretary for the 2-year term, as her nomination holds as the only nominee.

VI. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

VII. MINUTES

November 8, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes – On a motion by N. Farmer, 2nd by E. LeBorious, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

1. November 21, 2023 - Swearing In Ceremony at 6 p.m. at Town Hall
2. November 21, 2023 - Curriculum Council at 6 p.m.
3. November 21, 2023 - Outstanding Student at 7 p.m.
4. November 21, 2023 - Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
5. November 29, 2023 - FOI Workshop at Park Hill at 5-7 p.m.
6. November 29, 2023 - Board Policy Review at 5:30 p.m.
7. December 6, 2023 - CAFE New Board Member Conference - All day, Rocky Hill
8. December 9, 2023 - Torchlight Parade & Carol Sing at 5:30 p.m.
9. December 13, 2023 - Finance subcommittee meeting at 6 p.m.
10. December 13, 2023 - Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
11. December 20, 2023 - Town Board of Finance Meeting at 7 p.m.

Dr. P. Tudryn highlighted the FOI workshop being held on November 29 and encouraged members to attend the CAFE New Board Member Conference on December 6. Members who wish to attend were asked to email J. Kennedy.

N. Farmer and D. Menard asked for clarification on executive sessions posted for the end of November. Dr. P. Tudryn clarified that those are expulsion hearings listed as special meetings. N. Farmer requested it be explicitly stated that such executive sessions do not require attendance by board members.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway presented the financial report. There are no major budget concerns. The finance department is working to meet the summer deadline for projections for the current fiscal year. H. Spencer inquired about the audit findings. R. Galloway and Dr. P. Tudryn stated based on the last Board of Finance meeting it is anticipated that it will be ready for the December Board of Finance meeting.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

1. BOE Subcommittee Assignments:

Chair K. Carey-Trull suggested the Board members review the subcommittees prior to the December meeting when the subcommittee members would be decided. Discussion ensued regarding the various subcommittees, their functions, and their members. The Board requested that the current list of subcommittees be reviewed and updated. Board members were encouraged to email J. Kennedy prior to December 5, 2023 with the subcommittees they are interested in joining. A list will be compiled and brought forward at the December meeting.

2. Board Policy Review - First Reading Series 1000:

Dr. P. Tudryn gave a brief review of the process to update and revise the Board policies. C. Sevarino asked for clarification on Policy 1250B. Dr. P. Tudryn and J. Martin clarified the language in the policy. N. Farmer asked if the policy would apply to children attending school events with their parents. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the matter is still being discussed. N. Farmer expressed concern with Policy 1330. Dr. P. Tudryn and J. Martin explained the policy and that it could be waived by the Superintendent. N. Farmer asked for clarification on the weapons included in Policy 1700. J. Martin and Dr. P. Tudryn stated they believe additional weapons are included in the General Weapons Policy. J. Martin encouraged Board members to reach out to him directly with questions.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Waive Policy 3323

Upon request by Dr. P. Tudryn, the Board discussed waiving Policy 3323 to allow Dr. P. Tudryn to engage in discussions with Smyth Bus due to the impending expiration of the current transportation contract. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by F. Neill, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to waive Policy 3323. PASSED with a vote of 8 yes, 1 abstain (G. Resto).

XIV. LIAISON'S REPORT

None

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn reminded the Board that the gifts for Sponsor a Child need to be brought to Town Hall by December 14, 2023. H. Spencer informed the Board that there are two children - a 10 year old girl and a 5 year old boy. She will forward the wish lists to the Board and collect gifts at the December meeting.

C. Sevarino informed the Board that the Arts and Culture Committee is collecting plastic bottle caps. There are drop boxes at Town Hall and all three schools. The bottle caps will be used to make a mural.

H. Spencer attended the recent CABE convention. She received information about AI technology as well as streamlining Board policy and goals and ideas for structuring meetings. D. Menard also attended the CABE convention and will share the CABE recommended reading list, a code of ethics for Board members, and a school governance position statement. H. Spencer suggested the entire board attend the convention in future years.

F. Neill attended the NCCC music festival in Ellington. She shared that it was a phenomenal experience and highlighted the performances by the chorus and band. She applauded the music department for their efforts.

K. Bettancourt attended the State Cross Country Tournament for the middle school. She applauded the efforts of the middle school teachers and said it was a great experience with a lot of excitement.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lions Club Thank You Letters
2. Successful Farm to School Initiative Letter
3. Veterans Thank You Correspondence
4. Enrollment Report

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by N. Farmer, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM. The vote PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Kennedy
Board Recording Secretary

Approved 12/13/23