

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
7:30 p.m. - Room A5, Broad Brook Elementary School
14 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair K. Carey-Trull called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ATTENDANCE

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

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, Laura Foxx, Matt Ryan, J. Kennedy, Student Representative- V. Hernandez, Eliza Johnson, Sarah Muska

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

December 13, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes – On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by K. Betancourt, to approve the Board minutes. K. Carey-Trull requested the minutes be amended to reflect members' updated titles. D. Menard requested the minutes be amended to move the late arrival of a North Central Acts of Kindness Award recipient under Commendations. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

V. Hernandez presented the news and events at all three schools. N. Farmer reported there were donations collected during a recent basketball game for the Somers tragedy.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

1. January 17, 2024 - BOE BPR Subcommittee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
2. January 17, 2024 - Town Board of Finance Meeting at 7 p.m.
3. January 24, 2024 - BOE Curriculum Council subcommittee meeting at 6 p.m.
4. January 24, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
5. January 31, 2024 - BOE Workshop with CABE Nick Caruso & Att. Chinni at 6 p.m.

Dr. P. Tudryn reminded the Board about the BOE workshop being held on January 31, 2024 and encouraged members to email J. Kennedy with specific questions ahead of the workshop.

IX. BROAD BROOK SCHOOL REPORT

Principal L. Foxx and Assistant Principal M. Ryan thanked the Board for their support at the recent school concert and presented the Broad Brook School Instructional Focus Update. M. Ryan detailed the specific strategies Broad Brook is using to help students become life-long, self-aware learners using accountable talk in conversation. L. Foxx added that Broad Brook students attended a whole-school assembly where a video featuring Broad Brook students and the Broad Brook mascot was shown to help explain vocabulary, their SMARTe goal, and the concept “our words have power”. The video was shared with the Board. G. Resto pointed out the connection between the power of words and bullying. L. Foxx further clarified the social emotional application of the concept. A copy of the presentation was also provided to the Board.

X. CURRICULUM REPORT

Assistant Superintendent D. Rouillard presented the Literacy Update Curriculum Report to the Board. The report highlighted the ways in which the District is meeting the recommendations made during Dr. Rafferty’s Spring 2022 Literacy Review including using multiple forms of student assessment and tiered instruction. D. Rouillard also informed the Board that the District is one of the first districts in the state to work on the Science of Reading. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Board. The Board discussed the various assessments being utilized to monitor student progress as well as the way students were moved in and out of the three tiers of instruction.

XI. LIAISON’S REPORT

K. Carey-Trull informed the Board that the Finance Subcommittee elected N. Farmer to the position of Chair. N. Farmer advised that the audit came in with no reportable findings and that the findings from the previous two years were being removed. F. Neill shared that the booster club raised \$750 to donate to the Somers tragedy and gave a brief overview of future fundraisers.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board that the District was sending two social workers to Somers to assist with funeral services. He also shared that the Youth Service Bureau Coordinator interviews would be held by the town next week. The Board discussed sending a member to be part of the Juvenile Review Board. S. Muska updated the Board on the progress being made to form both the Youth Services Bureau and the Juvenile Review Board. D. Menard inquired about the availability of meeting recordings on the website. Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board he believed the process would be finalized by the next meeting. N. Farmer requested an updated personnel report. The Board discussed meeting dates for the two new subcommittees. E. LeBorious inquired about the funding

cliff relative to the ESSER Funds. Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board that the budget proposal would be presented at the next meeting.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Torchlight parade correspondence
2. Pajama Day fundraiser
3. Sponsor a Child thank you correspondence

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by E. LeBorious, the Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and contract negotiations at 8:37 PM. The Board came out of executive session at 9:21 PM.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:21 PM. The vote PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Kennedy
Board Recording Secretary

Approved 01/24/24