

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 14, 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 7:34 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, G. Resto, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, Student Representative V. Hernandez, Representative Jamie Foster, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, D. Mosher, M. DeSousa from the Town of East Windsor and various members of the public.

Secretary F. Neill attended the meeting remotely. K. Betancourt was absent.

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**V. COMMENDATIONS**

Crystal Apple Award Recipients – 2nd Quarter: The 2nd quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building administrator:

Jordan Anderson - Broad Brook School

Caitlin Tudisca - East Windsor Middle School

Tara Prochorena - East Windsor High School (in absentia)

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

**VI. MINUTES**

January 24, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes – On a motion by N. Farmer, second by D. Menard, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

**IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Representative Jamie Foster provided a legislative update to the Board. Representative Foster reviewed the change in the kindergarten age cutoff and the process that led to making the change. She also informed the Board of grants for recruitment, retention, and hiring of licensed and credentialed mental health professionals and encouraged schools to reach out to her office for letters of support. Representative Foster also noted that Connecticut legislators are soliciting feedback on the HVAC grant. She informed the Board that she is prioritizing equitable access to school meals and making funding for schools a priority despite discrepancies between the Governor's proposed budget and the legislative budget. Representative Foster further encouraged Board members and parents to reach out to her with feedback or for assistance and to share stories of how the legislation impacts them. Dr. Tudryn and various Board members engaged in discussion with Representative Foster about various topics including the newly released EWPS facilities study and assessment.

**X. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

- 1) February 21, 2024 - BOE BPR Subcommittee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- 2) February 21, 2024 - East Windsor Board of Finance meeting at 7 p.m.
- 3) February 22, 2024 - BOE Budget Workshop at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) February 28, 2024 - BOE Budget Workshop at 6 p.m.
- 5) February 28, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 6) February 29, 2024 - BOE Budget Workshop at 6 p.m.

**XI. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Assistant Superintendent D. Rouillard presented the curriculum report to the Board. The report focused on mid-year diagnostic data and how it is being used to identify areas of need. Discussion ensued regarding the data and various assessments being utilized in all three schools. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

H. Spencer stepped out at 8:31 PM. She returned at 8:34 PM.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

- 1) On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by E. LeBorious, the Board approved the course proposals as presented. After some discussion, the motion PASSED with a unanimous vote.
- 2) On a motion by N. Farmer, second by C. Sevarino, the Board voted unanimously to delete Policy 9321 and a motion was made by N. Farmer, with a second by D. Menard to adopt the new policy presented by Dr. P. Tudryn however during discussion the Board decided not to take that motion to a vote. The previous motions and vote were rescinded. On a motion by N. Farmer, second by D. Menard, the Board voted to waive current Policy 9321 for the duration of the school year. The motion PASSED with a unanimous vote. As a result, regular Board of Education meetings scheduled for March, April, May, and June of 2024 will begin at 7 PM.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Discussion ensued relative to the school facilities study and assessment. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Board.

Marie DeSousa joined the discussion to provide clarification and information to the Board. Additional comments on the topic continued during the public participation agenda item.

**XIV. LIAISON'S REPORT**

N. Farmer attended the Glow Dance put on by the Broad Brook Elementary School PTO and told the Board it was well attended. G. Resto updated the Board on the Office of the First Selectmen working on a permanent Arts and Culture Committee.

**XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

D. Menard inquired about the change in subcommittee meetings due to the upcoming budget workshops. N. Farmer informed the Board that the Board of Finance subcommittee meeting took place earlier in the evening and the cost centers for the budget workshops were discussed. D. Menard inquired about "nonmeeting meetings" as mentioned in the workshop with N. Caruso and Attorney Chinni. Dr. P. Tudryn shared copies of a newspaper put together by students at East Windsor High School.

**XVII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) 2023 District Annual Performance Reports and Determinations
- 2) East Windsor Free Little Library

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by D. Menard, the Board voted to go past 10 PM. The vote PASSED unanimously.

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by C. Sevarino, the Board entered into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting (Superintendent's Evaluation) and pending litigation at 9:52 PM. The Board came out of executive session at 10:25 PM.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by H. Spencer, 2nd by N. Farmer, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:25 PM. The vote PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Kennedy  
Board Recording Secretary

Approved 2.28.24