

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
7:00 p.m. (or immediately following the town Board of Finance Meeting)
Broad Brook Elementary School
Room A5
14 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT**

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair K. Carey-Trull called the meeting to order at 8:22 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, K. Betancourt, E. LeBorious, D. Menard, G. Resto, N. Farmer (via Google Meet), Dr. P. Tudryn, M. Lukasik

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, R. Galloway, J. Bowsza

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by E. LeBorious, to continue the meeting past 9:30. PASSED with 8 in favor, 1 opposed (K. Betancourt).

V. MINUTES

- 1) March 5, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by F. Neill, second by H. Spencer, to approve the Board minutes. F. Neill requested to have the list of pros and cons added for reference. E. LeBorious asked for a correction to the spelling of her name. PASSED with a unanimous vote by all members present.
- 2) March 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by H. Spencer, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with a unanimous vote by all members present.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Chair K. Carey-Trull thanked Student Representative Mariella Lukasik for her statements during the budget presentation. M. Lukasik presented the student representative report. N. Farmer congratulated M. Lukasik on her fundraising efforts.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 25th - Kindergarten Parent Night 6 PM at BBES

March 26th - Curriculum Council Meeting 6 PM at BBES

March 26th - East Windsor Board of Finance Public Hearing 7 PM at Town Hall

March 26th - BOE Regular Meeting 7 PM (immediately after town meeting) at BBES

March 27th - 2nd Annual Charity Basketball Game 6:30 PM at EWHS

April 1st - BOE Board Policy Review Subcommittee Meeting at 5:45 PM at BBES

April 1st - BOE Budget Workshop with East Windsor Board of Finance 7 PM at Town Hall
April 2nd - Ad Hoc Committee on School Renovations Planning 6 PM at Town Hall
April 4th & 5th - EWHS Drama Production Clue the Musical at 6:30 PM
April 8th - Rededication of EWHS Track 2:30 PM
April 9th - BOE Finance Subcommittee Meeting 6 PM at BBES
April 9th - BOE Regular Meeting 7 PM at BBES
April 10th - BBES PTO Meeting 7 PM at EWMS
April 11th - BOE Athletic Subcommittee Meeting 9 AM at EWHS
April 16th - BOE Board Policy Review Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM at BBES
April 23rd - BOE Regular Meeting 7 PM at BBES

Dr. P. Tudryn highlighted the charity basketball game and the rededication of the track. Additionally, he noted the change in Board Policy Review Subcommittee meeting to April 1, 2025. N. Farmer noted a correction for the start time of the Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

IX. UPDATE: SCHOOL RENOVATIONS PROJECT

Dr. P. Tudryn and D. Menard provided an update on the school renovations project. They advised that a design plan for Broad Brook Elementary School was presented during a recent meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee should be receiving more indepth plans from CSG and the architects ahead of the April 2nd meeting. While there are some challenges with the layout of the combined middle/high school relative to shared spaces, work is being done to create a design that is acceptable to the Board. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that during a meeting with state representatives, Senator Anwar inquired about the idea of combining with Ellington schools at the high school level. First Selectman J. Bowsza noted the idea was not well received and advised it is not something he feels would be beneficial. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that the meeting was positive overall and there were indications of future legislation relative to special education space waivers. Discussion ensued regarding the idea of combining East Windsor Public Schools with Ellington Public Schools.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway presented the financial report. He is working toward the end of FY25 as well as on the budget for FY26. N. Farmer advised that quarterly projections are on the agenda for the Finance Subcommittee meeting in April. E. LeBorious requested clarification on the food service lines. D. Menard expressed her thanks to R. Galloway and Dr. P. Tudryn for the work done with the budget. N. Farmer advised the Board of a proposed change in legislation relative to funding for the Family Resource Center. A copy of the financial report was provided to the Board.

XI. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the personnel report was provided to the Board.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

A copy of the 6000 series policies were provided to the Board for first reading. Vice Chair H. Spencer asked members of the Board to review. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that the 5000 series would be shared at a meeting in April and a plan would be developed for adopting all of the policies as a whole. Dr. P. Tudryn requested questions be sent via email to him or J. Ripley.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by Secretary F. Neill, the East Windsor Board of Education, Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutritional Standards published by the State of Connecticut Department of Education during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certificate shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from the reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by E. LeBoriosis, the East Windsor Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutritional Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221 q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

1. the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;
2. the sale is at the location of the event;
3. the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIV. LIAISON’S AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Sevarino advised that the Curriculum Council heard a presentation on the Talented and Gifted program as well as additional programs for children who do not qualify for the Talented and Gifted program. N. Farmer advised that the PTO bingo night was a success and the special person dance will be held in May. F. Neill advised that the Booster Club is holding the Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser and the girl scouts are still selling cookies.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn advised that he and D. Rouillard were invited to speak during a literacy forum hosted by ConnCAN, the CT Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, and the Right to Read CT Coalition at the legislative office building. The invitation commended the district’s success. F. Neill inquired about what may come about with the potential disbanding of the federal Department of Education. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that correspondence will continue to be shared as it is received. E. LeBoriosis advised that she’d heard that funding for FRC is looking better than it had previously. Additionally, she inquired about scheduling a Board of Education special meeting following the Ad Hoc meeting.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Enrollment Report
- 2) All Town Pops Concert correspondence
- 3) Student Silver Award Project correspondence
- 4) Paraeducator Union correspondence
- 5) US DOE Reduction in Force correspondence

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by D. Menard, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. PASSED with a unanimous vote by all members present at 9:32 PM. The Board exited the executive session at 9:53 PM.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by D. Menard, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:54 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ripley
Board Recording Secretary

APPROVED 04.09.25