

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
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 7:10 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, T. Field, L. Daitch

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

March 26, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by H. Spencer, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

M. Lukasik presented the student representative report. A copy of the report was provided to the Board

VIII. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

T. Field presented the middle school report. Mr. Richard, a middle school teacher, presented a lesson from the science curriculum to the Board. He was joined by two seventh grade students, Dariashmet Garcia Algarin and Zoe McNamara. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

IX. FACILITIES UPDATE

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of receiving the ed specs. D. Menard expressed concern with having enough time to consider all of the material for the project.

On a motion by E. LeBorious, second by C. Sevarino, to schedule a Board of Education special meeting within two weeks to discuss the elementary school and combined middle/high school projects. Following discussion, E. LeBorious withdrew the motion. C. Sevarino withdrew the second. A meeting will be scheduled for April 24, 2025 from 6 to 8 PM to discuss the school projects.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by H. Spencer, to accept the proposals: Unified Music at East Windsor High School, AP Music Theory at EWHS, Music Theory, and Career and

Community Connection (Elective Course at EWHS). Board members expressed their excitement about the new courses. D. Rouillard advised the courses were created based on student interest expressed to the music teachers. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIV. LIAISON'S AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair K. Carey-Trull advised she attended the track rededication which was a very nice, well attended ceremony where George Croft's son spoke about his father's legacy. K. Betancourt advised that the Athletic Subcommittee meeting has been rescheduled. Chair K. Carey-Trull advised that the Finance Subcommittee meeting is tomorrow. The East Windsor Board of Finance meeting will also be held tomorrow. Chair K. Carey-Trull encouraged people to attend. F. Neill advised that Booster Club is holding purse bingo on Sunday, April 27th in Enfield at the Elks Club. N. Farmer advised that the PTO is accepting donations.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn advised that the topic of the FRC will be put on a future agenda for discussion. He will provide the last report created as well as the by-laws for review. N. Farmer suggested considerations for expanding pre-k and FRC programs. Additionally, she reminded the Board that she shared an email regarding the activities of the Appropriations Committee. D. Menard inquired about the impact of DEI mandates on schools. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that while there are many unknowns, there is no reason to dismantle programs at this time. He further advised that CSDE will issue an update on DEI mandates by April 22nd. The Board thanked D. Rouillard for his work and congratulated him on being recognized.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) CAPSS Statement on Executive Order to Dismantle the US Department of Education
- 2) Speaking Invitation - Literacy Forum

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by C. Sevarino, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. PASSED with a unanimous vote by all members present at 8:13 PM. The Board exited the executive session at 8:40 PM.

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by F. Neill, to allow the chair of the Board of Education to sign the contract with FE Smyth and Sons from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by K. Betancourt, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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