EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:00 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 7:00 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, E. LeBorious, K. Betancourt, G. Resto (arrived at 7:35 during the discussion regarding the update of policy #3542.43), N. Farmer (arrived at 7:42 during the discussion regarding the high school track), Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, L. Foxx, M. Ryan

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

E. Leborious made a motion to add an update on the Superintendent's Evaluation process to agenda item: Old Business: Discussion. Second by D. Menard. The Board was advised that any specifics would need to be discussed in Executive Session. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

V. MINUTES

<u>April 24, 2024</u> - <u>Regular Meeting Minutes</u> – On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by Menard, to approve the Board minutes with corrections made to items listed under Upcoming Meetings/events. PASSED, with Vice Chair H. Spencer abstaining.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

VIII. CURRICULUM REPORT

D. Donahue presented the curriculum report which outlined the numerous ways Sphero Indi coding cars are encouraging students to work on their problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and creativity through the STEM program. The cars were purchased with a grant provided by the East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation of Public Giving. Several Broad Brook Elementary School students engaged one on one with members of the Board to demonstrate the Sphero Indi cars.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

1) On a motion by H. Spencer, second by D. Menard, 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 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 H. Spencer, second by K. Betancourt, 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.

2) On a motion by D. Menard, second by F. Neill, the Board voted to waive the first reading of Policy #3542.43. Discussion ensued relative to the policy. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

On a motion by F. Neill, second by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to update Policy #3542.43 as presented. G. Resto joined the meeting at this time. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Dr. P. Tudryn updated the Board on the ongoing discussion regarding the repair or replacement of the high school track. One quote, provided to the Board, has been received. Additional quotes are forthcoming. N. Farmer joined the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion.

A general update regarding the Superintendent's Review was provided to the Board. The process will continue in Executive Session on June 13, 2024 at 6 PM, with an additional date of June 26, 2024 if needed.

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XIV. LIAISON'S REPORT

At the suggestion of D. Menard, going forward the agenda item will read Liaison's and Subcommittee Reports. D. Menard reported that the Facilities Subcommittee discussed numerous capital projects as well as the leadership survey which was provided to the Board. N. Farmer reported that the PTO's Special Person Dance was well attended and an enjoyable evening for all. F. Neill advised the Board that she and Dr. Tudryn attended the Town of East Windsor Pension Committee meeting where they discussed the calculation of pensions accrual. N. Farmer reported that the Athletic Council Subcommittee discussed focusing on an after school futsal soccer program and will be seeking input from coaches and gym teachers. K. Carey-Trull advised that she'd spoken with K. Mable of the FRC program. K. Mable is working on scheduling a meeting in the near future.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

M. DeSouza of 10 Rice Road advised the Board of a pothole at the middle school. Dr.Tudryn advised that the custodial crew is aware of several potholes and will be working to repair them.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

E. LeBorious inquired about the summer program. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that applications have closed due to overwhelming interest. Additional information is forthcoming. F. Neill inquired about the band camp. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that band camp will be running over the summer. D. Menard shared that a neighborhood child has been heard practicing an instrument. F. Neill added that she has been impressed with the level of skill shown by the students in recent band performances. K. Carey-Trull inquired about invitations to middle school graduation. The Board was advised that invitations should be sent out in the coming days. N. Farmer inquired about the tours of area schools.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Educators Rising Grant

2) Leadership Discussion of CSG Facilities Study

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Menard, 2nd by H. Spencer, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM. The vote PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Ripley Board Recording Secretary

APPROVED 05.22.24

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