

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 28, 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 7:01 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, G. Resto, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: R. Galloway, J. Martin, D. Rouillard, and S. Muska from the Town of East Windsor

Absent: D. Menard

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

July 31, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by N. Farmer, second by H. Spencer, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with 6 members in favor, 2 abstaining (K. Betancourt and C. Sevarino).

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

J. Ostrout of 2 Rye Street expressed his appreciation for the posting of the regular meeting agenda on Facebook and requested the videos of the meeting be posted.

J. Bowsza of 121 East Road praised many of the staff of Broad Brook Elementary School including Katrina Murphy, Matthew Ryan, and Dr. Deirdre Osypuk. He appreciated their prompt responsiveness and teamwork.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1) August 28, 2024 - BBES Open House 6 PM
- 2) September 4, 2024 - Athletic Council Subcommittee Meeting at 9 AM
- 3) September 4, 2024 - EWMS Open House 6 PM
- 4) September 4, 2024 - Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM
- 5) September 6, 2024 - National Night Out at East Windsor Park at 5 PM
- 6) September 11, 2024 - Finance Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM
- 7) September 11, 2024 - EWHS Open House 6 PM
- 8) September 11, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- 9) September 18, 2024 - Board Policy Review Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM
- 10) September 18, 2024 - East Windsor Board of Finance Meeting at 7 PM
- 11) September 25, 2024 - Curriculum Council Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM
- 12) September 25, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

13) September 26, 2024 - BOE Special Meeting at 6 PM

Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that convocation, professional development, and summer enrichment program updates will be provided during the September 11th meeting. Chair K. Carey-Trull reminded the Board that National Night Out was rescheduled to September 6th. N. Farmer inquired about Trunk or Treat which will take place on October 24th.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the personnel report was provided to the Board by D. Rouillard. E. LeBorious inquired about the high school math teacher vacancy. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that the math teacher vacancy was a late August resignation and the position is the only certified staff vacancy in the district. N. Farmer inquired about the turnover in certified staff. The Board was advised that 12 new certified staff were hired over the summer to fill vacancies.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway presented the financial report. He advised the Board that the FY2024 General Fund number is mostly finalized. Additionally, an auditor has already been on site at Central Office and all indications thus far have been positive. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that the Broad Brook Elementary School gym ceiling project and outstanding utility bills which came in higher than anticipated contributed to the final end of the year number for FY2024. E. LeBorious requested clarification on some of the FY2024 projection numbers. R. Galloway and Dr. P. Tudryn remarked on the process for improving reporting and placing items in the correct budget lines. N. Farmer provided additional information on budget adjustments in the final report.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that the middle school will be transitioning back to traditional (A+ through F) grading on report cards, which is a shift from the move to standards based grading implemented by a previous administration. He advised the Board the transition has been well received by parents and staff. K. Betancourt expressed her appreciation for the change from a parent perspective. E. LeBorious inquired about implementation of rubrics and the Portrait of the Graduate with regard to grading. D. Rouillard provided clarification.

Dr. P. Tudryn also provided a facilities update. He conveyed the importance of updating the facilities, which has been expressed by the community through surveys. Additionally, he remarked on the CSG studies, enrollment studies, and area site visits with regard to updating and renovating the school buildings. He also remarked on next steps in the process and advised the Board of the need to vote to request the Board of Selectmen amend the CSG contract to include a referendum specialist to assist in communication with the community and obtaining the 15% voter turnout required to obtain funding. K. Betancourt inquired about how a combined middle and high school would impact athletics. N. Farmer added she thinks the combined middle and high school is the most feasible option and commended the Facilities Subcommittee on their efforts.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

J. Martin summarized the memo included in the packet with regard to the September 26th Special Meeting which will be a workshop focused on the Board Goals project.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

On a motion by F. Neill, second by H. Spencer, the Board voted to request the East Windsor Board of Selectmen amend the CSG contract to include a referendum specialist. K. Betancourt requested an explanation of the duties of a referendum specialist. Dr. P. Tudryn and N. Farmer provided clarification. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIII. LIAISON'S AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

K. Carey-Trull inquired about the Athletic Council Subcommittee meetings. Due to scheduling conflicts, the September meeting was moved to Friday, September 6th at 9 AM. H. Spencer reminded the Board Policy Review subcommittee members to review the first half of the 5000 series packet. The Board was made aware of the CIP meeting taking place on September 16th.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

S. Muska of 25 Maple Avenue requested the Board update the Board of Selectmen on why a request is being made to amend the CSG contract to include a referendum specialist. K. Carey-Trull advised that Dr. P. Tudryn has been in communication with the First Selectman.

J. Ostrout of 2 Rye Street asked for clarification on whether the subcommittee meetings for the buildings would be opened up to other members. Dr. P. Tudryn advises there was a consensus in appreciation of the value to open up the meetings and they will move to solicit input by community members through work sessions. J. Ostrout further expressed he felt it was important to include members of the building commission. He also expressed his displeasure with the move to a combined middle and high school.

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that the work on the middle school water main is complete as well as the abatement and removal of the Broad Brook Elementary School gym ceiling. The work is in progress on the high school track. K. Betancourt inquired about the new food service menus. Dr. P. Tudryn explained the delay and advised the Board that menus will be out shortly. E. LeBorious inquired about the status of the art room ceiling. Dr. P. Tudryn advised there are no plans to change the ceiling at this time. N. Farmer inquired about leaving the curtains down in the gym. Dr. P. Tudryn advised he would look into the matter.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by E. LeBorious, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ripley
Board Recording Secretary

APPROVED 09.11.24