EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 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 7:03 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, D. Menard (arrived at 7:24 PM during the curriculum report), E. LeBorious, G. Resto, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn, Student Representative M. Lukasik

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

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. COMMENDATIONS

TEAM Teacher Recognition: Dr. P. Tudryn recognized three teachers for their time, effort, and dedication to completing the Teacher Education And Mentoring program and their commitment to the East Windsor Public Schools:

Miranda Burke, Broad Brook Elementary School

Brendan Elliott, East Windsor Middle School (in absentia)

Zoe Stinson, East Windsor Middle School (in absentia)

VI. MINUTES

September 11, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by F. Neill, to approve the Board minutes as amended. PASSED with all members present in favor. D. Menard was not present for the vote.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative M. Lukasik presented the student representative report to the Board. M. Lukasis also shared her excitement about the Powder Puff game taking place October 28th.

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1) September 26, 2024 BOE Special Meeting at 6 PM
- 2) October 2, 2024 Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM
- 3) October 4, 2024 Athletic Council Subcommittee Meeting at 9 AM

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- 4) October 9, 2024 Finance Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM
- 5) October 9, 2024 BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- 6) October 10, 2024 EWMS PTO Meeting at 7 PM
- 7) October 16, 2024 Board Policy Review Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM
- 8) October 16, 2024 Town of East Windsor Board of Finance Meeting at 7 PM
- 9) October 23, 2024 Curriculum Council Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM
- 10) October 23, 2024 BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM
- 11) October 24, 2024 Town of East Windsor Trunk or Treat at 5 PM
- 12) October 30, 2024 Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

Dr. P. Tudryn reminded the Board that the purpose of the special meeting on September 26th is to review and revise Board goals. He advised the Board that the October 2nd facilities subcommittee meeting may be rescheduled and that there may be a need for an executive session that evening. Dr. P. Tudryn also reminded the Board of Trunk of Treat on October 24, 2024.

E. LeBorious inquired about the results of a recent expulsion hearing and requested an executive session to discuss the results of the hearing. Chair K. Carey-Trull advised that she and Dr. P. Tudryn would look into the process for sharing the information.

H. Spencer reminded the Board Policy Review committee to review the 5000 series and send any questions to J. Martin and Dr. P. Tudryn.

X. CURRICULUM REPORT

D. Rouillard presented the curriculum report which highlighted student achievement data from the spring. He updated the Board on ways the district is working to get students to meet grade level standards by implementing tools such as instructional walkthroughs, learning walks, professional development, and new curriculum while continuing to look at the data and performance trends. Mr. Rouillard commended the schools for their work which is reflected in the progress in performance trends. Grade-based data and clarification on SAT data were requested. Student Representative M. Lukasik shared her thoughts on the difficult transition to a digital SAT format. Mr. Rouillard and Dr. P. Tudryn provided clarification on how Alliance Districts are determined. Dr. P. Tudryn further advised the Board that East Windsor was recently recognized among peers in an Alliance District meeting for the work being done in the district. K. Betancourt expressed the need to share the district's progress and efforts with the community. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway presented the financial report to the Board. He advised that FY2025 is off to a good start. N. Farmer shared that the last finance subcommittee meeting was canceled due to the availability of Board members. She shared that the financial report would be reviewed at the October meeting. R. Galloway reported that audit work is ongoing and

work will be ramping up for the anticipated FY2026 budget process. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

XII. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the personnel report was provided to the Board. E. LeBorious inquired about the hiring of a high school math teacher. Dr. P. Tudryn advised a long term substitute teacher has been hired and the job opening is still posted.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Dr. P. Tudryn updated the Board on preventative measures being taken to repair and reinforce the Broad Brook Elementary School chimney. A vote was taken as a precautionary measure due to the funds for the project being in a CNR account with the town that was awarded through the town CIP process. On a motion by D. Menard, second by F. Neill, to approve the Superintendent awarding the bid to JHS Restoration and authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIV. LIAISON'S AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

D. Menard updated the Board on the Capital Improvement Inventory List. She advised the Board that the East Windsor High School and Broad Brook Elementary school roof repairs, Broad Brook Elementary School asbestos removal and replacement of ceiling tiles, and Broad Brook Elementary School boiler replacement projects were made a priority. H. Spencer appreciated how well prepared the list was. D. Menard commended K. MacDonald for his collaboration and efforts in preparing the binders for the Capital Improvement Project committee.

F. Neill inquired about the progress on the high school track. Dr. P. Tudryn advised work is being done daily.

D. Menard advised that the Board of Selectmen recently voted to amend the CSG contract to include the referendum specialist. Dr. P. Tudryn thanked D. Menard for representing the Board and the Superintendent at the meeting. E. LeBorious inquired about feedback from school staff regarding their needs in a new building. Dr. P. Tudryn advised he held meetings at the high school to solicit feedback on the ed specs requested when the new school is built. Additional meetings with staff at the middle school will take place on September 26th. Dr. P. Tudryn advised that CSG will summarize the ed specs in a written report. G. Resto inquired about the anticipated timeline. Dr. P. Tudryn advised he thinks it will be ten to twelve months.

C. Sevarino advised that the Board of Selectmen approved crosswalk art in front of Broad Brook Elementary School.

N. Farmer advised that the PTO had their first meeting and their first event which was a color run at mileage club. She also advised that information on the pie fundraiser is available on the PTO Facebook page. F. Neill advised that Boosters met on September 23rd. They are concentrating on homecoming, the powder puff game, senior recognitions, and fall sports.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Carey-Trull reminded the Board of the games being played at Abbe Road soccer complex as well as a ribbon cutting on October 4th.

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- N. Farmer advised the Board that she would be stepping down from her position on the facilities subcommittee effective immediately. Dr. P. Tudryn and Chair K. Carey-Trull advised they will look into whether or not the opening on the subcommittee needs to be filled.
- E. LeBorious inquired about the November CABE conference registration. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board an email would go out detailing what members have been registered and requested anyone who would like to be registered email J. Ripley. D. Menard inquired about CABE letters indicating how many credits have been earned. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board on recent legislation requiring Board members complete training and professional development.
- N. Farmer inquired about recording secretaries for subcommittee meetings.
- G. Resto inquired about links to meetings and recordings.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by D. Menard, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Ripley Board Recording Secretary

APPROVED 10.09.24