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

Wednesday, October 9, 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 7:05 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, E. LeBorious, G. Resto, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn, Student Representative M. Lukasik

Also in attendance: J. Martin

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. MINUTES

September 25, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by D. Menard, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with all members in favor.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative M. Lukasik presented the student representative report to the Board. In addition to presenting the report, M. Lukasik informed the Board that 8th grade students have been participating in the high school jazz band. She also shared that students at the high school took the PSATs and SATs recently and she found it to be a much better experience with it being the second year the test was online.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 9, 2024 - Finance Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM

October 9, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

October 10, 2024 - EWMS PTO Meeting at 7 PM

October 16, 2024 - Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

October 16, 2024 - Town of East Windsor Board of Finance Meeting at 7 PM

October 23, 2024 - Special Meeting re: Board Goals at 6 PM

October 23, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

October 24, 2024 - Town of East Windsor Trunk or Treat at 5 PM

October 26, 2024 (TENTATIVE) - BBES/Town Hall Paint the Crosswalk by Arts and Culture

October 30, 2024 - Board Policy Review Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that the Community Painting Day to paint the crosswalk between BBES and Town Hall will take place on October 26th from 1 to 3 PM.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

J. Martin presented the results of the community survey which focused on the community's experience and expectations relative to EWPS. Topics included whether or not students are being challenged academically, the state of and cleanliness of East Windsor school facilities, staff and student relationships, and the inclusion of arts, world language, and music programs in schools. J. Martin also advised the Board that C. Gustafson, Safe School Climate and Equity Coordinator, is working on a number of events focused on school climate. E. LeBorious inquired about restorative practices in the schools. D. Rouillard updated the Board on these practices and how they are being implemented in classrooms. Dr. P. Tudryn offered to have C. Gustafson speak to the Board regarding her work. J. Martin advised the Board he will be reviewing the short answer responses, engaging in discussions with the leadership team regarding results and how to address responses, and preparing a detailed comparison of two prior surveys (2022, 2023) and analysis of relevance of the 2019 survey.

X. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION

Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board of upcoming contract negotiations. Discussion ensued regarding when committee members would be able to meet for negotiations. Dr. P. Tudryn stated he felt comfortable handling cafeteria negotiations by himself during the last process and he would be willing to do that again with the Board's permission. The Board agreed. Members of the Classified, Paraprofessional, and Nurse negotiations subcommittees were discussed.

The following changes to subcommittee assignments were made:

D. Menard will join the Classified Negotiations Subcommittee

Secretary F. Neill, N. Farmer, E. LeBorious will join the Paraprofessional Negotiations Subcommittee

Chair K. Carey-Trull and N. Farmer will join the Nurse Negotiations Subcommittee

Chair K. Carey-Trull inquired about an additional member for the Facilities Subcommittee to replace N. Farmer. Vice Chair H. Spencer will join the subcommittee.

G. Resto asked to step down as the Board of Selectmen liaison. Chair K. Carey-Trull and Vice Chair H. Spencer will serve as backups.

E. LeBorious inquired about the Capital Region Education Liaison and will serve in that role.

XI. LIAISON'S AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair H. Spencer advised she attended the Town Board of Finance meeting. Chair K. Carey-Trull and Dr. P. Tudryn updated the Board on the town moving forward with the referendum specialist. Dr. P. Tudryn advised there is a meeting scheduled with CSG, the referendum specialist, members of the town and Central Office in the coming weeks. C. Sevarino advised an agreement was signed between the district, the town, and the Youth Service Bureau regarding the exchange of information. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the agreement is standard practice following an MOU developed by CABE and CAPPS. Discussion ensued regarding the JRB and the YSB and potential participation by members of the Board on those panels. D. Menard advised she and Vice Chair H. Spencer have been participating in the CIP committee. She advised the Board that all presentations have been completed. Additionally, she advised that there has been a change in policy regarding funding and the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance need to adopt a five year plan. This policy and grant money may provide an opportunity for additional projects to be state funded. Secretary F. Neill said the booster club is active with fundraisers

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including pie sales and purse bingo which will be November 10th at 2 PM. Many student activities have been planned including homecoming on October 25th at the Abbe Rd soccer fields and the Powder Puff game which is October 26th.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board decided to sponsor two children through the East Windsor Social Services event. Ms. Ripley will submit the application.

Dr. P. Tudryn spoke to the included memo to the Board of Finance and advised the Board that the matter has been resolved.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by K. Betancourt, the Board entered into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, dismissal or the health of a public officer or employee, provided such individual may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting – Superintendent's Evaluation at 8:04 PM. The Board came out of executive session at 8:19 PM.

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to accept the superintendent's goals for the 2024-2025 school year. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by N. Farmer, second by C. Sevarino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Ripley Board Recording Secretary

APPROVED 10.23.24