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

Wednesday, October 23, 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, E. LeBorious, G. Resto, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn, Student Representative M. Lukasik

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, W. Gage, E. Barraza, R. Galloway, T. Field, L. Daitch, M. Lamas, C. Chinni (attorney for the Board of Education) and J. Bartolomei (UPSEU labor relations representative)

Absent: D. Menard

# IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### V. MINUTES

October 9, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by E. LeBorious, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with all members in favor.

# VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### VII. UPSEU NURSE GRIEVANCE

J. Bartolomei began his presentation to the Board. On a motion by N. Farmer, second by Vice Chair H. Spencer, a 5 minute recess was called at 7:10 PM so copies of Mr. Bartolomei's documents could be made. PASSED with all members in favor.

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by E. LeBorious, the Board entered back into regular session at 7:16 PM. PASSED with all members in favor. Mr. Bartolomei continued his presentation. He attempted to enter confidential student files into evidence. The documents were denied due to their confidential nature. On a motion by N. Farmer, second by C. Sevarino, the Board entered into a non-meeting at 7:19 PM 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. PASSED with all members in favor.

On a motion by F. Neill, second by Vice Chair H. Spencer, the Board entered back into regular session at 7:46 PM. PASSED with all members in favor.

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by F. Neill, move the East Windsor Board of Education deny the grievance and authorize the Board Chair to work with board counsel to produce a written decision in accordance with the Board deliberation. PASSED with all members in favor.

#### VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative M. Lukasik presented the student representative report to the Board. In addition to the report, M. Lukasik informed the Board that she and other students in the Model UN took a trip to New York City, where they were able to speak with the UN Ambassador from Ireland and received an EU briefing on current world issues in preparation for the Model UN Conference in December. Additionally, she shared that 8th grade students recently visited the high school, many EWHS sports teams celebrated senior night at recent games, and the high school held their homecoming dance, which Ms. Lukasik enjoyed.

# IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 23, 2024 - BOE Special Meeting re: Goal Setting at 6 PM

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

October 26, 2024 - Community Paint Day at BBES at 1 PM

October 30, 2024 - BPR Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

November 1, 2024 - Athletic Council Subcommittee Meeting at 9 AM

November 13, 2024 - Finance Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM

November 13, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

November 14, 2024 - BBES PTO Meeting at 7 PM

November 20, 2024 - BPR Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

November 20, 2024 - East Windsor Board of Finance Meeting at 7 PM

November 26, 2024 - Curriculum Council Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM

November 26, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

K. Betancourt informed the Board that the upcoming Athletic Subcommittee Meeting will be moved to November 8th, with meetings to be held on the second Friday of each month going forward. Chair K. Carey-Trull reminded the Board of the upcoming community paint day. Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board that the agenda for the November 26th meeting was light and inquired about whether the Board would still like to hold the meeting due to the close proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday. It was decided that the meeting would be canceled. The curriculum council meeting will be rescheduled.

## X. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

T. Field and L. Daitch presented the middle school report to the Board. The report centered around how the middle school is using MTSS to review and utilize data regarding behavior, social emotional learning, and academics. They also shared information on iReady scores and attendance trends. Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board that a number of students performed so well on the diagnostic testing that they are being provided alternative resources and assignments. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

# XI. CURRICULUM REPORT

D. Rouillard presented the curriculum report to the Board. The report highlighted data from diagnostic testing, including iReady and Exact Path testing, at all three schools. This information is used in conjunction with other testing and data to make academic recommendations for students. Vice Chair H. Spencer requested sample assessment questions be shared with the Board. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

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# XII. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Galloway presented the Financial Report. He advised the Board that the Finance Subcommittee took an in depth look at the recent financial report. He pointed out the FY25 year-to-date report is the rolled up version which had been agreed upon by the Finance Subcommittee previously. N. Farmer informed the Board the rolled up version will be in regular packets moving forward to keep things more efficient. The full version of the document can be provided to Board members upon request. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

# XIII. PERSONNEL REPORT

A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

## XIV. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

Dr. P. Tudryn spoke to Policy 5136, Participation Fees for Co-Op Sports. Discussion ensued regarding the policy and the costs associated with co-op sports. K. Betancourt requested information on the current sports budget with regard to coach stipends, referees, transportation, etc. It was determined that more discussion and information was needed before the Board would be able to vote to adopt the policy.

Dr. P. Tudryn provided clarification on the job titles and rates of pay for the stipend positions. On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by C. Sevarino, the Board voted to approve the Special Education Building Paraeducator Substitute, as amended, with the ADA language included in the job description. PASSED with all members in favor.

On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by K. Betancourt, the Board voted to approve the Director of Drama, Musical Director, and Technical Advisor job descriptions. PASSED with all members in favor.

#### XI. LIAISON'S AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

E. LeBorious attended the CREC meeting as Board liaison. Vice Chair H. Spencer attended the Board of Finance meeting. N. Farmer missed the PTO meeting to attend a CREC sponsored event at the Trolley Museum with Choice students. She shared that it was a lovely evening with a lot of excitement and positive feedback from students and parents. Dr. P. Tudryn attended the PTO meeting. He updated the PTO on the facilities work being done by the Board. The PTO discussed a decrease in membership but will be promoting their meetings in the future. They are also promoting the mileage club. Dr. P. Tudryn also advised that the annual pie fundraiser has wrapped up. C. Secarino attended the Board of Selectmen meeting. The Art and Culture Commission was present and brought up future projects. The drone program for East Windsor Police and Fire was also discussed. Additional topics included the new tabletop gaming store and the annual Stuff a Cruiser event which will take place on Sunday, December 1st at the East Windsor Walmart. F. Neill reminded the Board of the upcoming Purse Bingo event. She also shared an opportunity for students to earn volunteer hours by helping with the scouts food drive. G. Resto shared information about Amplify. An event will be held at EWHS on November 14th to show Screenagers. Dinner and breakout sessions will also be held. G. Resto also shared that a representative from the Youth Voices Count Survey has offered to come share information as it relates to East Windsor with the Board.

On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by Vice Chair H. Spencer, the Board voted to continue the meeting past 9:30 PM. PASSED with all members in favor.

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# XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

# XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. P. Tudryn informed the Board he had a zoom meeting with members from the town, CSG, and the community engagement consultant. Recommendations included expanding facilities subcommittee to include a member from the building commission as well as a parent from PTO or Boosters. He advised that the next steps rely on the completion of ed specs. Work to develop a timeline will begin before things move forward in the new year. F. Neill inquired about the status of the high school track. Work is still being done. H. Spencer shared with the Board that she attended the CIP meeting. She informed the Board that rankings were completed but costs were not completed yet. Chair K. Carey-Trull thanked Patrick for the work done to present additional requests to CIP.

# IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the enrollment report was provided to the Board.

# X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by N. Farmer, second by K. Betancourt, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:36 PM. PASSED with all members in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Ripley Board Recording Secretary

**APPROVED 11.13.24**