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

# Wednesday, November 13, 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 7:11 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, D. Menard, G. Resto, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn, Student Representative M. Lukasik

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, T. Field, L. Daitch, L. Foxx, M. Ryan

# IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

# V. COMMENDATIONS

<u>Crystal Apple Award Recipients</u> - 1st Quarter: The 1st quarter award recipients were introduced to the Board by their respective building administrators:

Tyler Porcello - Broad Brook Elementary School (in absentia)

Heather Sharp - East Windsor Middle School

Stacy Corbin - East Windsor High School

Dr. P. Tudryn thanked Horace Mann and D. Mosher for his continued support of East Windsor Schools and the Crystal Apple award.

# VI. MINUTES

October 23, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by Vice Chair H. Spencer, to approve the Board minutes. PASSED with eight members in favor, one abstaining (D. Menard).

# VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

# VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative M. Lukasik presented the student representative report to the Board. In addition to the report, M. Lukasik also shared that various high school student groups honored veterans on November 11th and participants from all three schools ran the Veterans Day 5k. Chair K. Carey-Trull congratulated M. Lukasik on receiving the 1st quarter Outstanding Student Award.

# IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 14, 2024 - BBES PTO Meeting at 7 PM

November 15-16, 2024 - CABE/CAPPS Convention in Groton, CT

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November 18, 2024 - BOE Special Meeting re: Board Goals at 6 PM

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

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

December 4, 2024 - Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

December 4, 2024 - Curriculum Council Subcommittee Meeting at 6:30 PM

December 10, 2024 - 4th Grade Band Recital at EWHS at 6 PM

December 11, 2024 - Finance Subcommittee Meeting at 6 PM

December 11, 2024 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

December 18, 2024 - BPR Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30 PM

December 18, 2024 - East Windsor Board of Finance Meeting at 7 PM

December 21, 2024 - East Windsor Torchlight Parade at 5:30 PM

Dr. P. Tudryn reminded the Board that pickup for the PTO pie fundraiser is November 14th. He also reminded the Board that the CABE/CAPPS convention is November 155th and 16th. Additionally, he informed the Board of the need for an executive session which will take place at the end of the Board Goals special meeting on November 18th. F. Neill shared that there will be a middle school band concert on November 19th at 6:30 PM. N. Farmer informed the Board that the Athletic Subcommittee will meet quarterly, calling additional meetings if necessary.

#### X. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

D. Rouillard and A. Anderson presented the high school report. The report focused on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and their work to create academic standards in districts. NEASC monitors the progress of the district, provides accreditation, and feedback focusing on growth and the priorities of the district. A copy of the report was provided to the Board.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE

- 1) Dr. P. Tudryn spoke to Policy 5136, Co-Op Sports Series. Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that the policy has been reviewed in multiple subcommittees with one revision made based on feedback. He shared estimates for the costs related to athletics including an estimate of costs per athlete. Additionally, he shared that the tri-town hockey booster club provides a supplement to offset the costs for those athletes. Various members expressed concern regarding equitability across all sports. Discussion ensued. It was determined that more information was needed before the Board would be able to vote to adopt the policy. Dr. P. Tudryn requested a list of specific questions from the Board be sent via email no later than Friday, November 22nd. On a motion by D. Menard, second by Vice Chair H. Spencer, to table the vote to adopt Policy 5136, Co-Op Sports Series. PASSED with a unanimous vote.
- 2) On a motion by Vice Chair H. Spencer, second by E. LeBorious, to approve the meeting schedule for 2025 as set forth. A brief discussion ensued for clarification. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

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

C. Sevarino attended a recent Board of Selectmen meeting where they discussed and voted on the Capital/Non-recurring transfer pertaining to the School Facilities Project. She advised they voted to transfer and rename funding from East Windsor High School Roof Engineering to Town Property-School HVAC. She also shared that the Arts and Culture Commission has bottle cap artwork displayed in town hall. Vice Chair H. Spencer shared that Series 6000 will be discussed

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at the next Board Policy Review subcommittee meeting. F. Neill attended the town pension meeting. She reports that the market is doing well.

# XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

# XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

K. Betancourt shared that she met with Christopher Todd, the Executive Director of Early College Programs for UConn. She shared that he is able to attend Board of Education meetings and can review current course offerings. Additionally, she shared that she and N. Farmer experienced the new security system at the high school. Discussion ensued regarding the new security system. F. Neill shared that she joined the 5th and 6th grade band field trip to UMass and appreciates the effort Ms. Stinson has put into the program. Additionally, she attended a girl scout trip to the East Windsor Police Department and found it fascinating. G. Resto shared that the screening of Screenagers will take place on November 14th. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

# IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the enrollment report was provided to the Board. Chair K. Carey-Trull advised that the 2024 choice numbers will be shared in the next report. A letter from the NCTC regarding a BBES student's participation in their upcoming production was also shared with the Board.

# X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Menard, second by C. Sevarino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM. PASSED with all members in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Ripley Board Recording Secretary

**APPROVED 12.11.24**