

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
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, D. Menard, G. Resto, N. Farmer, Dr. P. Tudryn

Also in attendance: D. Rouillard, R. Galloway, J. Martin, A. Anderson, B. Kaminski, T. Field, L. Daitch, M. Ryan

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by D. Menard, to add an agenda item for discussion and anticipated action regarding the transfer of funds from private tuition special education to other special education areas. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

V. COMMENDATIONS

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

Darlene Oppedisano - Broad Brook Elementary School (in absentia)

Bridget Green - East Windsor Middle School

Avalon Borra - 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

January 22, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes: On a motion by C. Sevarino, second by F. Neill, to approve the Board minutes. K. Carey-Trull asked that it be noted that the architect hired for the school renovation project is responsible for the conceptual design only. PASSED with 7 members in favor, 2 abstaining (H. Spencer and K. Betancourt).

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

M. Lukasik presented the Student Representative Report. Additionally, she shared that many senior athletic events have been held and she is looking forward to the upcoming pep rally.

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 13, 2025 - EWMS Chorus Concert (held at EWHS) at 6 PM

February 19, 2025 - Board of Selectmen/Board of Education Public Hearing (First Selectman and Superintendent Budget Proposals) 6 PM

February 19, 2025 - Ad Hoc Committee on School Renovation Planning Meeting (held at

BBES) at 7 PM

February 20, 2025 - PTO Meeting (held at EWMS) at 7 PM

February 25, 2025 - Rep. Jaime Foster Special Education Event at 5 PM (held at EWHS)

February 25, 2025 - BBES Mileage Club Family Night at 5 PM

February 26, 2025 - BOE Regular Meeting at 7 PM

Dr. P. Tudryn advised that Rep. Jaime Foster's Special Education Event has been moved to February 25th. He shared that refreshments will be served. He also clarified the cancellation of the Board Policy Review Subcommittee due to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting and the public hearing for budget proposals.

X. CURRICULUM REPORT

D. Rouillard presented the Curriculum Report. The report focused on a review of diagnostic data and how that data identifies deficiencies and helps administrators align instruction to meet the learning needs of students. N. Farmer requested a notation be made in parent communication clarifying grade-level proficiency on iReady test scores. K. Betancourt inquired about the accuracy of testing at the high school level. D. Rouillard advised it has been difficult to motivate students to put their best efforts into taking the assessments. He commended Principal A. Anderson on her work to motivate students. D. Menard requested ExactPath results by grade. E. LeBorious requested SAT and PSAT scores from 2023-2024. A. Anderson provided additional clarification on how the high school is analyzing the data and continued efforts to motivate students to improve their scores. Dr. P. Tudryn spoke to additional data being collected and utilized to show student growth over time. A copy of the report as well as additional analytical assessment data were provided to the Board.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. P. Tudryn presented the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY25-26. The presentation summarized the administration's efforts to develop a budget proposal that is in alignment with the district's strategic plan, the Portrait of the Graduate instructional model, provides opportunities for all student's to find their path to success while also being mindful of the impact on community stakeholders. Chair K. Carey-Trull thanked Dr. P. Tudryn for his work on the proposal. A copy of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget was provided to the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding budget workshop dates. Dates and times will be discussed at the February 26, 2025 regular meeting.

XII. FINANCIAL UPDATE

R. Galloway summarized the need for the district to transition away from Kelly Services due to a 48% cost increase. Policy 3323 was utilized to meet, and sign a contract, with ESS to benefit the district. ESS has agreed to a three month trial. At that time, an extended contract will be brought to the Board for approval.

On a motion by N. Farmer, second by H. Spencer, to approve the Board of Education transfer notice for transfers 25-01, 25-02, and 25-03 to move funding from private tuition special education to other special education areas as presented in the amount of \$85,000. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIII. FACILITIES UPDATE

Dr. P. Tudryn advised the Board that a facilities update on the Ad Hoc Committee meetings will be a recurring item on the regular Board of Education meeting agendas. Discussion ensued regarding educational specifications documents. Vice Chair H. Spencer expressed concern with the lack of conversation regarding the cost of the school renovation project.

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by C. Sevarino, to extend the meeting past 9 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

XIV. LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

N. Farmer enjoyed the PTO's glow dance, which was well attended. She also advised that the Athletic Council Subcommittee met and discussed the Co-Op Sports policy, which will need to be discussed by the full Board. She also attended the EWHS Block Party. It was suggested that the Board meet with the Student Council. Lastly, she shared that she will be speaking to second graders on February 21st to explain the purpose of the Board to the students and invited other Board members to attend.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair K. Carey-Trull inquired about coordinating a get well card for Principal L. Foxx. K. Betancourt shared that the Tri-Town Hockey team is playing in Enfield on Friday, February 21st at 5 PM . They will be raising money for breast cancer research. D. Menard inquired about talking points for the Board. Additionally, she inquired about the status of discussions regarding the grounds MOU with the town.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by H. Spencer, second by C. Sevarino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM. PASSED with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Ripley
Board Recording Secretary