

**EASTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Eastford Elementary School
12 Westford Road
Eastford, CT 06242
September 8, 2022

Present: Lauren Barlow (virtual), Michael Bilica, Stephen Bowen, Terry Cote (virtual), Robert Ellsworth (virtual), Adam Minor, Jessica Perry (virtual)
Also Present: Dr. Donna Leake, Superintendent; Carole McCombe, Principal; Mary Polchaninoff, Pupil Services Director

I. Call to Order

Chair Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bowen led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: (Bilica/Minor) That the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Correspondence, Communications

- Town Roof Committee Minutes from August 15, 2022 and September 6, 2022
- Textbook Request Forms from James Salsich, ELA teacher

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Executive/Personnel— None.
- B. Fiscal— None.
- C. Policy— None.
- D. Woodstock Academy – Mr. Ellsworth stated that The Academy had a good start to the school year.
- E. EastConn— Ms. Cote stated that the new Director, Eric Protulis, is willing to attend a BOE meeting if the Board desires.
- F. Long Range Facilities— The committee has been attending all Town Roof Committee meetings, and the roof replacement has been completed.
- G. Transportation—None.
- H. Curriculum— The Board received the agenda for the meeting held prior to this one.
- I. Scholarship Steering Committee – None.
- J. School Safety Committee – A meeting will be held on September 15, 2022.

VII. Superintendent Report

Provided the BOE with updates including:

- Highlight of the Month – The return of students, a thank you to Carole McCombe
- Educational Leadership – Students returned on August 30, the afterschool programming is underway, increase in student population

- Facilities – Roof project completed, phone system change progressing, repairs by The Building Company and Jake’s Foundations
- Collaboration and Communication – Meeting with the pastors of the Eastford churches, the ash tree was cut down and removed free of charge
- Comments on selected agenda items
- Recent student count

VIII. Principal Report

Received the Principal’s report which discussed and/or provided the following information:

- Field Trips/ Virtual Field Trips
- Readiness Program/ Council Update
- 2022-2023 School Year Updates
- Data on Student Progress
- Professional Development
- Community and Other Events

IX. Director of Pupil Services Report

The Board received the September report, which shows changes from the August report.

X. Unfinished Business

- A. To Repeal Policy 6176, Gifted Children, and replace with Shipman & Goodwin policy, Policy for the Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students
 MOTION: (Barlow/Bilica) To repeal Policy 6176, Gifted Children, and replace it with the Shipman & Goodwin policy, Policy for the Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. To Replace Bylaws 9321, 9323, 9324, 9325 and 9327 with the corresponding Shipman & Goodwin bylaws
 MOTION: (Barlow/Minor) To replace Bylaws 9321, 9323, 9324, 9325 and 9327 with the corresponding Shipman & Goodwin bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. New Business

- A. Overnight trip to Mystic Seaport
 MOTION: (Bilica/Barlow) To approve the Overnight field trip to Mystic Seaport for grades 7 and 8 on September 29, in accordance with the BOE field trip policy. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Review Strategic Plan
 Mrs. McCombe reviewed the Eastford Strategic Plan 2022-2025 with the Board and entertained questions.
- C. SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) Results
 Charles Kernan presented the recent SBAC results to the Board and he and Mrs. McCombe addressed questions.

Ms. Cote left the meeting at 6:44 PM.

- D. Approval of Novels: *Restart* and *Freak the Mighty*
 MOTION: (Bilica/Ellsworth) To approve the novel requests: *Restart* and *Freak the Mighty*. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Additional Agenda Items

None.

XIII. Financial Reports

- A. August 2022 Disbursements—sent to BOE via email
- B. Monthly Financial Summary, August 2022
The Board received and reviewed the monthly report.
- C. Budget Transfers
None.

XIV. Citizen Participation

Mr. Bowen sincerely thanked the staff for a good start to the new school year, and he thanked the Board of Education for all the time they put in.

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Bowen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kymerli A. Gaylor, Clerk