

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, July 10, 2017**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Jim Feeney
Mr. Joe Doering
Ms. Jennifer Cook

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Rob Crocker

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amanda Thompson, Visitor
Becky Hayes, Visitor
Jim Grenon-Francoline, Visitor
Lance Strzegowski, Visitor
Kristen Strzegowski, Visitor
Glenn Gosselin, Visitor
Chloe Gosselin, Visitor
Cristina Brose, Visitor
Caitlin Strzegowski, Visitor
Amber Bourgault, Visitor
Alicia Newton, Visitor
Jennifer Augsberger, Visitor
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Bob Paskiewicz, Visitor
Debbie Paskiewicz, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the June 12, 2017 and the June 26, 2017 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Jen Cook, seconded by Joe Doering to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Jen Cook, seconded by Joe Doering to approve the June 26, 2017 minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Comments from Visitors

Jim Grenon-Francoline would like the executive minutes from the May 22, 2017 board meeting to indicate the details of what the board members approved in the superintendent's contract and would like the superintendent's evaluation to be made public. Joe Doering responded that the June 26, 2017 minutes provide details of what the board members approved in the superintendent's contract and the board is not required to publicly post the superintendent's evaluation; discussion takes place in executive session.

Amanda Thompson would like the discussion regarding item IIIa. to include grades one and two.

c. Additions to Agenda - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Resignation from Board of Education Secretary Position

Bob Ravens-Seger cannot hold two seats on the board; therefore, he resigned as board secretary effectively immediately.

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeney, seconded by Jen Cook to accept Bob Ravens-Seger's resignation as board secretary effectively immediately. *Motion approved unanimously.*

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Enrollment & Staffing Update

Dr. Mahoney reported that the enrollment for grades 1 and 2 did not change since the last board meeting, but the enrollment for kindergarten has increased and is being monitored.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Dr. Mahoney shared that the Pay to Participate Program is being reviewed.

b. Budget – Nothing to report.

- c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report.
- d. **Negotiations** – Dr. Mahoney received notice that negotiations for the administrators contract will begin this Fall.
- e. **Facilities** – Susan Greco reported that there was an issue with the underground bathroom pipes by the pre-school playground at Carl Allgrove School. The pipes were repaired but the playground still needs to be restored to code. The expenses are not covered by insurance. Cost for the pipe repair will be recorded in the 2016-2017 fiscal year and restoration cost will be recorded in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Lastly, Mrs. Greco shared that the LED lighting project at Carl Allgrove School was approved.
- f. **Communication** – Due to Michele Holt's resignation, Bob Ravens-Seeger announced that Jen Cook volunteered to take her place on the Communications sub-committee.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by John Welsh to appoint Jen Cook Communications sub-committee member. (FOR: Bob Ravens-Seeger, John Welsh, Joe Doering, Jim Feeney. ABSTAINED: Jen Cook). *Motion approved.*

V. **Recommended Actions**

a. **Approve New Board Secretary**

Potential nominees were discussed and it was decided to nominate Rob Crocker. Previously, Rob has volunteered to serve as Acting Board Secretary in the absence of the Board Secretary.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Joe Doering nominating Rob Crocker as Board Secretary. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. **Update on Year End Financials**

Susan Greco shared that it is too early to say how much money will be returned to the town, but it will not be the same as last year's amount due to unexpected end of the year repairs and special education invoices.

VI. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

a. **Smarter Balanced Assessment**

b. **Middle/High School Lunch Program**

VII. **Comments from Visitors**

Debbie Paskiewicz would like to know the class sizes for kindergarten and grades 1 and 2. Dr. Mahoney replied that, with the exception of kindergarten, enrollment numbers have not changed since the last board meeting and class sizes will be forthcoming. Amanda Thompson asked if we take CHOICE students starting in kindergarten. Dr. Mahoney replied that we generally prefer to take them beginning in kindergarten. With budget cuts, Amanda Thompson, is concerned about a .6 library media specialist for the elementary schools vs. the need for a full-time District Curriculum Director. Four high school students gave a brief presentation about the lunch program they have been working on.

John Welsh would like to publicly recognize students Genna Hartman and Ryan Vanags for be nominated as High School Scholar-Athletes for the 2016-17 Season.

VIII. **Adjournment**

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeney, seconded by John Welsh, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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