

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 25, 2017**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Sharon Shepherd
Mr. Joe Doering
Mr. Jim Feeney
Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mr. Rob Crocker
Mrs. Karey Pond

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
William Pitney, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

II. Chairperson's Report - None

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Global Competency Certificate

Dr. Mahoney explained that the Global Competency Certificate program was created by the International Education Committee of Connecticut Superintendents to recognize students for their global initiatives. Students in grades 9-12 who are interested must meet qualifications in order to be eligible. Every department offers ways for students to meet the criteria required to participate. Students can also pursue a (global) Capstone Project which will count as credit towards graduation. School counselors will provide information during morning announcements as well as on the high school website.

c. CSDE "Guidelines for Alternative Learning Environments"

Dr. Mahoney reported that the Connecticut State Department of Education assigned a committee to establish guidelines for an alternative learning environment especially for students who are expelled. Due to the many mandates, the superintendent's organization has requested that the state postpone it. Dr. Mahoney will provide updates as they become available.

d. Change in DRG for East Granby Public Schools

Dr. Mahoney announced that East Granby Public Schools is now a DRG-B district based on the town's population, low poverty level, above average income, and school performance. Joe Doering asked if cost per pupil was one of the criteria. Dr. Mahoney replied that it was not listed but she could find out.

e. Discuss Possible Dates for EGAA Negotiations – Previously discussed.

f. School Lunch Update

Dr. Mahoney reported that vendors have been contacted and Mr. DeMelo met with class advisors to finalize the pricing of the lunch items for; \$3.00 seems to be the threshold. This has been a great learning experience for the students. Dr. Mahoney discussed incorporating elements of leadership curriculum at each grade level to

further strengthen student leadership skills. The administrators are also examining leadership at their regular meetings.

b. Policy 5139 SECOND READ

Dr. Mahoney read the new language added to policy 5139 regarding Pay to Participate and asked if anyone had any questions.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Policy 5139

MOTION: a motion was made by Rob Crocker, seconded by Karey Pond to approve policy 5139 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve Field Trip

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for high school students to travel to Salem, Massachusetts on October 26, 2017 to enhance their study of American Literature. Students will depart at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Cost per student paid by the student is \$85.00.

MOTION: a motion was made by Jen Cook, seconded by Karey Pond to approve the field trip to Salem, Massachusetts on October 26, 2017 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Presentation of Student Performance Data

Dr. Mahoney reported that the student performance data presentation will take place at the October 23, 2017 board meeting.

b. Fall Board of Education School/Community Recognition Ceremony

Dr. Mahoney reported that the recognition ceremony will take place in November and asked board members to send her the names of anyone they would like to recognize.

VI. Comments from Visitors

Mr. Pitney expressed his appreciation to the board members for their service.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh seconded by Jen Cook to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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