

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, August 9, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Arthur Reardon

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director
Ray Carlson, Facilities
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Hillery Lundell, Visitor
Robert Loomis, Visitor
Marka, Visitor
Becky Hayes, Visitor
Kyle Hazard, Visitor
B. Cosker, Visitor
Nicole Sokolowski, Visitor
Patrick McKenney, Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor
Eden Wimpfheimer, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the July 12, 2021 and the July 26, 2021 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the July 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the July 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Amanda Cormier requested changing line one of item IIb to “and was” nominated by the Republic Town Committee instead of “he was not” nominated by the Republic Town Committee.

Bob Paskiewicz requested changing the last line of item IVa to “motion approved” instead of “motion approved unanimously.” Bob Paskiewicz abstained from the motion.

Michele Holt withdrew her motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the July 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes as amended. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda – None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Chairperson’s Report

a. Capital Plan

Melissa Bavaro, Raymond Engle, and Ray Carlson shared information from the facilities sub-committee held on July 27, 2021. The committee reviewed, discussed, and prioritized program and facilities capital items for the five-year capital plan. Facilities are the major concern. The plan will be presented at the September 21, 2021 Board of Finance meeting.

III. Superintendent’s Report

a. New Hires

Melissa announced the following new hires: Julie Nunes was hired as an English teacher; Thomas Newman was hired as a math teacher, Laura Namnoun was hired as the administrative assistant at

R.D. Seymour School; Dawn Flanagan and Rebecca Bramley were hired as paraprofessionals; and Mary Drenzek was hired as a speech and language pathologist.

b. Athletic Field RFP

Raymond Engle highlighted the Athletic Field RFP. The RFP was reviewed by the board attorney. Michele Holt suggested expanding item 11 under Scope of Work to include all stakeholders. Arthur Reardon would like to request a copy of the park and recreation fields study that the town completed a few years ago. Bob Paskiewicz would like to engage the community in the discussion and get feedback. Lynn Landolina commented on the insurance and indemnification piece. Raymond will defer posting the RFP.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – A sub-committee meeting will be held on August 12, 2021.

b. Budget – Raymond Engle provided a year-end update.

c. Curriculum – Marjorie Light thanked the teachers who wrote curriculum over the summer.

d. Negotiations – Nothing to report.

e. Facilities – Previously discussed under item IIa.

f. Communications - The sub-committee scheduled a meeting for August 18, 2021 at 6pm.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve June 2021 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the June 2021 Financial Report as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Raymond Engle reviewed the June 2021 and July 2021 Financial Summary and answered questions from board members. Raymond anticipates returning \$188,000 back to the town.

b. Approve Capital Plan – This item was tabled until the August 23, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Student Enrollment Update

b. Town Park & Recreation Fields Report

VII. Comments from Visitors – None

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline,
Board Clerk