

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, March 22, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Corcoran
Mr. John Ziobro
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro
Mrs. Michele Holt

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Karey Pond

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Marsie Luckenbach, R.D. Seymour Principal
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal
Karen Gogel, Director Student Support Services
Patrick Gustafson, EGHS Assistant Principal
Lauren Maisch, Visitor
Kristy Preli, Visitor
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Hillery, Visitor
Landon's iPad, Visitor
Lisa Griffin, Visitor
Jeffrey Hecht, Visitor
Sara Payette, Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor
Patrick McKenney, Visitor
Nicole Bassett, Visitor
Bonnie Jones, Visitor
Justin, Visitor
Robert Loomis, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to change the order of the agenda by moving items IIIb and IVa. to item IIIa. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. 2021-2022 Budget Update

The Board of Education (BOE) presented a 2.5% Board of Finance (BOF) directed budget to the BOF at the March 16, 2021 BOF meeting. The BOF will provide a directive to the BOE on April 6, 2021 for the Public Hearing presentation on April 20, 2021. The Town Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021. The BOF will send a list of budget questions to the BOE.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Suffield Regional Agriscience Center Consulting Committee Nominees

The Suffield Regional Agriscience Center asked the BOE to appoint two new members to serve on The Suffield Regional Agriscience Center Consulting Committee for a three year

term. Suffield nominated Jonathan and Lisa Griffin. John Corcoran served on the committee for the last six years so the BOE nominated John Corcoran and Lisa Griffin.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to appoint Lisa Griffin and John Corcoran as East Granby representatives to serve on The Suffield Regional Agriscience Center Consulting Committee for a three year term. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele Holt, John Welsh, Lynn Landolina, John Ziobro, Lucia Ziobro. ABSTAINED: John Corcoran). **Motion approved.**

b. School Update/Student Enrollment

More distance learners are returning to in-person learning and more are expected starting the fourth quarter, April 5, 2021. The BOE projects the addition of a fourth section to grade 5 (17/18/18/18) for FY 21-22. Three sections would be class sizes of 24/24/23 (guidelines = 22). This is an additional teacher not factored in the FY 21-22 budget. Students will return to in-person learning on Wednesdays beginning on April 7, 2021 for elementary students and April 28, 2021 for middle/high school students. Wednesdays will remain early release days but modified to thirty minutes sooner than the usual early release times. Updated information on the free lunch/breakfast program, COVID19, quarantine guidance, and travel guidance were shared. The superintendent will send a correspondence to families detailing these important updates.

c. Graduation Date and Last Day of School

The district had three traditional snow days extending the school year for students from June 9, 2021 to June 14, 2021.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Appoint Suffield Regional Agriscience Center Consulting Committee Members

Moved to item IIIa.

b. Approve Graduation Date and Last Day of School

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Corcoran to approve June 14, 2021 as the date of graduation and the last day of school for students. **Motion approved unanimously.**

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Culture and Climate Presentation

b. Physical Space of Elementary Schools for Future Use

VI. Comments from Visitors - None

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.