

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 25, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Corcoran
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. Arthur Reardon

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
William Pitney, Visitor
Nerim Kuqi, Visitor
Robert Loomis, Visitor
Jennifer Kovaleski, Visitor
Andy Norige, Visitor
Angela Norige, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Amanda Cormier

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 - None

b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items

Mr. Pitney expressed that it was nice to see everyone and thanked the Board members for their hard work. Jennifer Kovaleski and Andy Norige advocated for the Girls JV Volleyball program.

II. Chairperson's Report

The Town is looking into holding hybrid Board meetings. The Board will look into making Girls JV Volleyball a sustainable sport during the 2022-2023 budget process.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Retirement/Resignation

John Wilson, a mathematics and physics teacher will be retiring as of November 30, 2021. Night Custodian, Joseph Supino resigned effective immediately.

b. Covid Protocols Update/Status of Our Schools

Melissa shared topics discussed at a recent CSDE webinar. Some of the topics included the number of students being quarantined, the mandate to quarantine them, and establishing a regulation so that fewer students are quarantined. Melissa disclosed the number of positive Covid cases and the number of students quarantined since the start of the school year. Melissa's report included the bus driver shortage and its impact on athletics, how we temporarily had to dissolve a bus route, and that we are looking into grants to increase after school activities.

c. Policy Sub-Committee Update

Melissa highlighted the model policy materials from CABE and Shipman and Goodwin the policy sub-committee discussed at their October 19, 2021. The committee recommended retaining the services of Shipman and Goodwin to provide a model policy manual.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Recommended Policy Model Service

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve retaining services of Shipman and Goodwin to provide a model policy manual not to exceed a one-time

cost of \$5,500 and the \$1,000 annual subscription fee for legislative updates. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by John Welsh to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Accept Retirement/Resignation

MOTION: a motion was made by Arthur Reardon, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seeger to accept the retirement of John Wilson and the resignation of Joseph Supino. *Motion approved unanimously.*

d. Approve Field Trip

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by John Welsh to approve the field trip to Greece in April 2023 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

V. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

a. Girls JV Volleyball Program

VI. Comments from Visitors

Nerim Kuqi commented on the contact tracing and quarantining process.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Arthur Reardon to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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