

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 18, 2016**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mrs. Michele Holt  
Mr. Robert Crocker  
Mrs. Kim Brassard  
Mr. Brandon Freeman  
Mr. Tom Short

**Others Present:**

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent  
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager  
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Sharon Shepherd, Visitor  
Jim Grenon-Francoline, Visitor  
Sarah Martin, Student Representative

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**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Without a quorum present, Joe Doering, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**a. Approve minutes from the March 3, 2016 special meeting, the March 7, 2016 budget workshop, the March 14, 2016 regular meeting, the March 15, 2016 special meeting, and the March 28, 2016 regular meeting.** Postponed until the next board meeting on May 9, 2016.

**b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items**

Sharon Shepherd is grateful for the new mulch on the playground at Allgrove School. Jim Grenon-Francoline thanked the board members for keeping the efficiency study on the agenda and asked that they keep their options open when addressing recommendations.

**II. Student Representatives Report**

Sarah Martin reported that the girls' varsity softball team is 4-0 and we now have a junior varsity team as well. Students will be returning from the field trip to France and Spain tonight, and the Advanced Placement testing begins in two weeks.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

**a. Public Hearing Comments**

Joe Doering reported that the Board of Finance held steady at 2.98% at the Public Hearing. The current electrical rate was discussed. Susan Greco shared that we are locked in a contract until December 2017. Mr. Doering also shared that the Education Cost Sharing from the state may be reduced by \$88,000.

**b. Town Meeting**

Joe Doering reviewed the slides for the PowerPoint presentation for the Town Meeting with the board members.

**c. Efficiency Study**

Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco updated the list of recommendations from the efficiency study with comments and actions and distributed a copy to each board member. Susan Greco also distributed a copy of the 2014-2015 Capital Budget Sheet and the Five Year Capital Needs Project Inventory Sheet. The figures highlighted in blue on the Five Year Capital Needs Project Inventory sheet are actual quotes received.

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Student Enrollment**

Dr. Mahoney reported 55 kindergarten students are currently enrolled for the 2016-17 school year.

**b. Shared Resources Committee**

Dr. Mahoney shared information discussed at the Shared Resources Committee (SRC) meetings she attended. Some of the topics included data requested by the committee and the need for major repairs such as roofs and parking lot repairs. Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco will be meeting with Dave Wing in May to create a list of repairs. The next meeting of the SRC is April 21, 2016 at which time the committee will discuss possible strategies for sharing resources to realize cost savings. We already use many of the same vendors. Another topic discussed was whether the town should take over managing the school buildings and if so, what amount of money would be required to do so. More discussion is needed before a decision is made.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Policy** – We will have to postpone approving Policy 5131.911 until we have a quorum.
- b. Budget** – Previously discussed.
- c. Curriculum** - Dr. Mahoney reported that another meeting will be scheduled later this spring.
- d. Facilities** – Previously discussed.
- e. Negotiations** – Mr. Doering was notified that negotiations for certified staff will be starting soon.
- f. Communications** – Nothing to report.

**VI. Recommended Actions**

- a. Approve March 2016 Financial Report** - Postponed until the next board meeting on May 9, 2016.
- b. Approve Policy 5131.911**- Postponed until the next board meeting on May 9, 2016.
- c. Approve Field Trip**

Due to time constraint, Dr. Mahoney will approve the field trip on a preliminary basis so that the teachers and students can plan accordingly. A final approval will be made when a quorum is present.

**VII. Comments from Visitors**

Sharon Shepherd agrees that reiterating how many of the line items had to be flat lined to meet the 2.98% budget and the risks involved is something that needs to be addressed at the Town Meeting. Mrs. Shepherd would like to see the efficiency study updates posted on the website.

**VII. Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation**

Postponed until the next board meeting on May 9, 2016.

**VIII. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline  
Board Clerk