

**East Granby Board of Education
East Granby, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, June 13, 2016**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Rob Crocker
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. Brandon Freeman
Ms. Jennifer Cook

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amanda Thompson, Visitor
Sharon Shepherd, Visitor
Becky Hayes, Visitor
Monique Gerken, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Joe Doering called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the May 9, 2016 and May 23, 2016 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeney, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the May 9, 2016 minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Brassard, Mr. Feeney, and Mr. Welsh. ABSTAINED: Mr. Ravens-Seger). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Kim Brassard, to approve the May 23, 2016 minutes as presented. (FOR: Joe Doering, Kim Brassard, and John Welsh. ABSTAINED: Jim Feeney and Bob Ravens-Seger). *Motion approved.*

b. Additions to Agenda

Dr. Mahoney recommended adding VIc. Approve Capital Budget Request to the Board of Finance to the agenda.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger, to add item VIc. Approve Capital Budget Request to the Board of Finance to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Comments from visitors

Sharon Shepherd would like an update on the search for a new Principal at Seymour School, staff changes, and class sizes.

II. Student Representatives Report

In the absence of the student representatives, Dr. Mahoney reported on end of the year ceremonies and activities taking place in the district.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Efficiency Study Report

Joe Doering asked if there were any updates on accepting out of district students. Dr. Mahoney reported that the flyers for the Summer Programs were distributed and once final grades are in, we will know more about the number of students interested in participating. Continuing Education is still anticipated in the fall. Dr. Mahoney concluded by sharing CHOICE student information. John Welsh asked how many students attend magnet schools and Dr. Mahoney responded that there are approximately 60 students that attend magnet schools.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Capital Budget Request

Susan Greco distributed copies of the Five Year Capital Needs Project Inventory sheet and explained the need to replace technology servers and install a new firewall; replacing the desktop computers in the elementary library computer labs; installing security devices in the district; repairing the middle school parking lot; and replacing carpet in the middle school classrooms.

Joe Doering inquired about addressing the warm temperature in the classrooms at Allgrove School. Dr. Mahoney reported that she is discussing the need for electrical service to support air conditioners. Step one is to address how to generate enough electricity. Mr. Doering would like this item included in the infrastructure Capital Budget Request and revisit the priority status of the items on the list. Dr. Mahoney recommended gathering information over the summer and asking for a Capital Request from the Board of Finance (BOF) in the spring if necessary. Mr. Doering would like to keep this item on the agenda and investigate interim solutions.

b. Safety Committee Minutes

Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco distributed copies of the Safety Committee 'rolling' minutes that covered general and new business. The speed of the vehicle traffic going up the front driveway of the middle/high school and around the building is too fast and solutions were discussed. Kim Brassard asked if getting a traffic light was ever considered. Dr. Mahoney feels that getting approval to install a flashing light and signage might be easier than getting approval for a traffic light. Dr. Mahoney observed that the police have a speed alert positioned on the street.

c. Student Enrollment

Dr. Mahoney distributed student enrollment information for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 that reflected the number of elementary students enrolled, number of sections, class sizes, and the number of teachers.

d. Macroeconomics Curriculum

Dr. Mahoney asked the board members if there were any questions concerning the Macroeconomics curriculum and reminded them that it is the same curriculum used at Asnuntuck Community College.

e. Summer Meeting Schedule

It was decided to keep the BOE meeting calendar as is for the summer months and cancel meetings if they are not needed.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Nothing to report.

b. Budget – Nothing to report.

c. Curriculum – Previously discussed.

d. Negotiations – Joseph Doering reported that a negotiations meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

e. Facilities – Previously discussed under Capital Budget Request

f. Communication – Nothing to report.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve May 2016 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jim Feeney, to approve the May 2016 Financial Report as presented. Mrs. Greco shared that repairs are still taking place and the final bill back from Hartford is not reflected because the money has not yet been received. Joe Doering suggested requesting, to the BOF, an increase in the Board of Education non-lapsing account. A list of items addressed will be shared at the next BOF meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. Approve Field Trips

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for the high school cross country team to travel to Indian Head Resort in Lincoln New Hampshire September 9-10, 2016. Students would depart at 2:30 p.m. on September 9th and return the evening of September 10th. The cost per student is \$250 paid by the student.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Kim Brassard, for the high school cross country team to travel to Lincoln New Hampshire September 9-10, 2016 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for the art and theatre students to travel to the Theater District in New York City on September 14, 2016. Students will depart at 5:30 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The cost per student is \$180 paid by the student.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jim Feeney, for the art and theatre students to travel to the Theatre District in New York City on September 14, 2016 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve Capital Budget Request to the Board of Finance

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Kim Brassard, to request that the following items be considered and funded by the Town capital non-recurring fund for 2016: \$60,000 – Technology for all four schools; \$9,160 – Security initiatives district wide; \$69,240 – Parking lot repairs at the middle school; and \$34,600 – Carpet replacement in the middle school classrooms. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the Macroeconomics Curriculum as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Efficiency Study Report
- b. Student Enrollment
- c. Air Conditioning – Allgrove School

VIII. Comments from Visitors

Becky Hayes would like the tree by the middle/high school athletic field trimmed because it obstructs the view of the playing field. Dr. Mahoney will look into it.

Sharon Shepherd asked if there is any effort to try and get magnet school students to return to our school district. Dr. Mahoney shared that it is the decision of the parents and some students do return. Mrs. Shepherd asked where the carpet in the middle school that needs replacing is located and if alternative flooring was explored. Susan Greco replied that the carpeting is located in the classrooms and that alternative flooring was looked into. Lastly, Mrs. Shepherd would appreciate communication to parents about the timeline and process of hiring a new principal for Seymour School.

Amanda Thompson asked if the 63 kindergarten students enrolled for 2016-17 include CHOICE students. Dr. Mahoney responded that it does.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jim Feeney, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline, Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.