

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 12, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seeger
Mr. Jim Feeney
Mr. Rob Crocker
Mr. John Welsh

Others Present:

Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mr. William Pitney, Visitor
Mr. Bryan Cormier, Visitor
Mrs. Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Brandon Freeman
Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mrs. Kim Brassard

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Mr. Feeney to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Ravens-Seeger. ABSTAINED: Mr. Crocker, Mrs. Holt and Mr. Welsh) *Motion approved.*

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items

Amanda Cormier read a letter she submitted to Board of Education members regarding a transportation issue.

Bob Paskiewicz referenced and commented on the restricted school transportation policy and the appeals process.

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Efficiency Study

Mr. Doering asked if there was anything to report. Susan Greco replied that she did not have anything to report but would like to clarify if the board would like the July 11, 2016 Efficiency Study Follow-Up Report posted on the district website. Mr. Doering asked that copies of the report be sent to board members so they can review it and send their comments to Susan Greco before the next board meeting so she can update the report. Susan Greco distributed copies of the report to board members.

Mr. Doering spoke with Mr. Townsley about collecting data related to the follow-up study. Mr. Townsley will provide documentation regarding payment for services to the Board of Education.

b. Air Conditioning – Allgrove School

Joe Doering met with First Selectman, Jim Hayden, to discuss air conditioning at Allgrove School. The major issue is the electrical supply coming from the street and in the building. It was suggested to hire a consultant to study the amount of electricity required to meet the needs of air conditioning in Allgrove School. Mrs. Holt suggested that we also consider future technology needs when studying the electrical supply and asked if there was any discussion about this being a town investment seeing as the town passed a referendum years ago to keep Allgrove School. No discussion has taken place.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Enrollment

Mr. Doering reported that this year's enrollment shows a slight increase from last year.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Mr. Doering would like to schedule a policy committee meeting prior to the next board meeting to discuss transportation policy 3541.

- b. **Budget** – Conversation about starting the budget process earlier was discussed.
- c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report.
- d. **Facilities** – Air conditioning at Allgrove School was previously discussed. Nothing further to report.
- e. **Negotiations** – Joe Doering reported that negotiations for non-certified staff are still taking place.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve June 2016 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to approve the June 2016 Financials as presented.

Susan Greco reviewed the year-end closing. We will be returning approximately \$140,332.67 to the Town. Mrs. Greco reminded everyone that this is a pre-audit figure.

Joe Doering would like this money will go into a non-lapsing fund. Susan Greco reported that there is a cap on how much money can go into a non-lapsing fund. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Approve July 2016 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Crocker, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to approve the July 2016 Financials as presented.

Susan Greco reported that the first month of the fiscal year is usually quiet. The line items will not be solidified until all staffing is in place. Also, some student needs are still unknown.

Motion approved unanimously.

c. Approve August 2016 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Crocker to approve the August 2016 Financials as presented.

Susan Greco reported that no significant changes occurred since July. **Motion approved unanimously.**

d. Approve Field Trip

Susan Greco presented a field trip for high school students to travel to New Zealand, Fiji, and Australia for 12 days during the April 2018 break. Cost is \$4,800 per student, paid by the student. Fundraisers will be held to offset the cost.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Crocker to approve the field trip to New Zealand, Fiji and Australia as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

For the record, Susan Greco announced that the field trip to New York City on September 14, 2016 that was previously approved will now be held on October 20, 2016.

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

- a. **Student Performance Results and School Improvement Goals**
- b. **Air Conditioning – Allgrove School**
- c. **Efficiency Study**
- d. **Policy 3541**
- e. **Transportation Request from Mr. and Mrs. Cormier**

VII. Comments from Visitors

Mrs. Cormier thanked the board members for their time and expressed her point of view on how her transportation request is not a safety, space, or accountability issue.

Mr. Pitney encouraged everyone present to view how a Connecticut state judge agreed that the State of Connecticut fails to provide most of its cities and towns with adequate school funding.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Crocker, seconded by Mr. Feeney to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Kline, Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.