

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 26, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Kim Brassard
Mr. Brandon Freeman
Mr. Jim Feeney
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mr. John Welsh

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Bryan Cormier, Visitor
Bob Paskiewicz, Visitor
William Pitney, Visitor
Dave Peling, Principal EGHS
Melissa Bavaro-Grande, EGMS

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Rob Crocker

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

Amanda Cormier read a letter she wrote thanking the board members for resolving her transportation issue and reflected on the events related to the issue.

b. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Feeney would like to add item IVb. Transportation Appeal to the agenda if needed after discussing item IIc. Policy 3541.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Freeman to add item IVb. Transportation Appeal to the agenda if needed after discussing item IIc. Policy 3541. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Dr. Mahoney would like to add item IIIe. East Granby Fire Marshall Report to the agenda.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to add item IIIe. East Granby Fire Marshall Report to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Follow Up to Efficiency Study

Susan Greco will update the efficiency study progress table and narrative with information submitted by board members. The documents will be posted on the district website. A letter describing the documents will also be included.

b. Air Conditioning – Carl Allgrove School

Allocation of funds to pay for the electrical supply required to support an air conditioning system at Carl Allgrove School needs to be investigated.

c. Policy 3541

The policy sub-committee held a meeting to review transportation policy 3541. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided to continue the discussion at another policy committee meeting. In the interim, the party involved was contacted with a resolution to their transportation issue. Dr. Mahoney reflected on the events related to the transportation issue and reviewed what the current policy states. The sub-committee will meet again to discuss amending the policy.

d. Presentation from East Granby Youth Action Council

The East Granby Youth Action Council presentation was postponed to the November 14, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Capital Infrastructure Request for Boiler at Carl Allgrove School

Dr. Mahoney reported that she shared the Capital Infrastructure Plan with the Board of Finance at their last meeting. It was decided to get two additional quotes to repair the boiler at Carl Allgrove School in addition to the one we already have. The first one is the most expensive and involves an extensive repair. There is approximately a \$1,400 difference in cost between the two additional quotes; one repair is less extensive than the other. We need to decide the extent of the repair to be approved and which quote we want to accept. Joe Doering asked if replacing the boiler was included in the Capital Infrastructure Plan. Dr. Mahoney reported that it is listed under the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Joe Doering would like to get an idea of what the life span on the current boiler will be if these repairs are done; it may negate having to replace the boiler in a couple of years. Dr. Mahoney will check with the maintenance supervisor.

b. PA16-114 An Act Encouraging Middle and High School Students to Consider Careers in Manufacturing

Dr. Mahoney distributed copies of public act PA16-114 which encourages middle and high school students to consider manufacturing careers. Dr. Mahoney was asked to join the committee to examine and make recommendations about educating middle school and high school students about careers in manufacturing.

c. PA16-189 An Act Concerning Student Data Privacy

Dr. Mahoney distributed copies of public act PA16-189 concerning student data privacy. There is a concern about online learning opportunities and the amount of student data required to download an application (APP). APPs now have to be reviewed to be sure vendors and contractors will not release any student data information. We will update our policy accordingly after receiving legal advice and direction from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

d. Changes in CHOICE Academic and Social Support Grant

Dr. Mahoney reported on the items currently supported under the CHOICE Academic and Social Support Grant. Due to the cuts that the state made, our district lost \$115,000 in incentive money, but will still receive cost per pupil funding. Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco will discuss how to address the loss of funds.

e. East Granby Fire Marshall Report

Dr. Mahoney shared information from the Fire Marshall's inspection that was performed at the start of the new school year. We were in compliance in most areas except for some minor issues related to power strips and improper storage. We were asked to submit copies of the inspection for the internal bleachers. Mrs. Greco will send copies of the inspection over to the Fire Marshall.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Capital Budget Request

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to request the sum of \$19,000 from the non-recurring fund for the boiler repair at Carl Allgrove School. The maintenance supervisor will recommend whether or not to go with the most expensive and most extensive repair based on the potential to extend the life of the boiler beyond fiscal year 2019. If not, the board will decide between the two less expensive quotes. Any unused funds will be returned to the capital non-recurring fund. *Motion opposed unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Welsh to request funds, not to exceed \$19,000, from the non-recurring account based on the recommendation of which quote the maintenance supervisor recommends to repair the boiler at Carl Allgrove School. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Approve Transportation Appeal

Mr. Feeney rescinded his motion to add IVb. Transportation Appeal to the agenda because the transportation issue was resolved.

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Air Conditioning – Carl Allgrove School

b. Follow Up to Efficiency Study

VI. Comments from Visitors

Amanda Cormier again addressed her recollection of events regarding the transportation issue. Bob Paskiewicz thanked the board members and would like to see an increase in collaboration between administration and parents. Dr. Mahoney also made some additional remarks regarding the issue.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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