

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, November 14, 2016
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Board Members Present:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Kim Brassard
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. Brandon Freeman
Mr. Rob Crocker
Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mr. John Welsh (8:02)

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Brady Williams, Student Council Representative
Emily Farmer, Student Council Representative
Angela Ciottone, East Granby Youth Services

Board Members Absent:

Mr. James Feeney

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Joe Doering Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve Minutes from the September 12, 2016 regular meeting, the September 19, 2016 Special Meeting, and the September 26, 2016 the October 11, 2016 and the October 24, 2016 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the September 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Brassard, Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Cook. ABSTAINED: Mr. Crocker). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mrs. Holt, to approve the September 19, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Brassard, Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Cook. ABSTAINED: Mr. Crocker). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the September 26, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Brassard, Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Cook. ABSTAINED: Mr. Crocker). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the October 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Brassard, Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Cook. ABSTAINED: Mrs. Holt and Mr. Crocker). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the October 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Brassard, Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Cook. ABSTAINED: Mr. Crocker). *Motion approved.*

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Emily Farmer reported on upcoming programs including recycling and student mentoring. Brady Williams reported on charities including collecting socks and boots for those in need and raising men's health awareness by asking male student participants to obtain sponsors and abstain from shaving during the month of November.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. School Year Calendar 2017-2018

Dr. Mahoney reviewed the school calendar that was distributed and discussed at the last BOE meeting and asked if anyone had any questions.

b. Board of Education Calendar 2017

Dr. Mahoney reviewed the proposed 2017 Board of Education calendar and explained that meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. If there is a Monday holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday. Due to the April vacation, only one meeting is scheduled for that month. Additional meetings and/or workshops can be scheduled if needed.

c. Follow Up to Efficiency Study Report

Joe Doering reported that Joe Townsley is still collecting information as part of his follow-up work.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. East Granby Youth Services

Angela Ciottone from the East Granby Commission on Youth Services presented information to board members about the Opioid Epidemic in Connecticut and the need to increase awareness in our youth. Angela would like to collaborate with the Board of Education to get general speakers in to talk to middle and high school students because parents do not always discuss this issue with their children.

b. East Granby Youth Action Council

East Granby High School student, Caroline Tuczinski, is a junior and serves on the Youth Action Council. Caroline talked about drug prevention and the benefits of holding general assemblies for students. EGHS sophomore student, Rachel Griffin, talked about related discussions in health classes and how students personally connect to real-life experiences and incidents they hear from live speakers.

Dr. Mahoney thanked the presenters and Joe Doering expressed that he strongly supports this issue and would like to work together. Mrs. Holt proposed forming a temporary subcommittee or holding meetings as needed for those that are available.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Dr. Mahoney reported that the committee is working on documents related to PA-16-189 (Student Data Privacy) that were reviewed at the last BOE meeting. Updated versions will be available soon.

b. Budget – Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco are already preparing for the budget season. The sooner we start the process, the better off we will be. Dr. Mahoney reported that the auditor finished his report but the state did not. The auditor will be present at the next Board of Finance meeting.

c. Curriculum – Dr. Mahoney reported that teachers are participating in workshops to review and revise curriculum.

d. Facilities - None

e. Negotiations – Will be discussed later in executive session.

f. Communications - Michele Holt reported that when the budget season starts, subcommittee meetings will be scheduled. Dr. Mahoney is planning to meet with Business Partners for a discussion focused on engaging students technologically. She invited board members to attend a conversation that will take place on November 28, 2016. Mr. Ravens-Seger pointed out that we are already heading in that direction with our 5th Year Associates Degree Program in manufacturing and he would like to see the students in the program participate in internships with area businesses. Dr. Mahoney replied that an internship program is being explored. Dr. Mahoney also reported that we have an Advisory Board made up of area business members, administrators, and parent/student representatives. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2016. Mrs. Brassard asked how many students currently participate in the program. Dr. Mahoney replied that all middle school students participate in foundational courses and approximately 12% of the high school student population currently participates in the program.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve School Year Calendar 2017-2018

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Rob Crocker, to approve the 2017-2018 school year calendar as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve Board of Education Calendar 2017

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jennifer Cook, to approve the Board of Education 2017 calendar as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve October 2016 Financials

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

Susan Greco reported that the Non-Certified Union is still in on-going negotiations and that out-of-district transportation costs have not yet been encumbered. Lastly, very few tuition invoices for Magnet Schools and out-of-district students have been received. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve Field Trips

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for 79 grade 8 students to travel to Symphony Hall in Springfield Massachusetts on December 8, 2016 to see the performance of Encore! Students will depart at approximately 9:15 a.m. and return at approximately 1:15 p.m. Cost to the student is \$28.00.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jennifer Cook, to approve the field trip to Symphony Hall in Springfield Massachusetts on December 8, 2016 as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for the Middle School bands and choruses to perform in the Fantastic Music Festival then travel to Six Flags New England in Agawam Massachusetts on May 12, 2017. Students will depart at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost to the student is \$60.00.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Brandon Freeman, to approve the field trip to Six Flags New England in Agawam Massachusetts on May 12, 2017 as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Board Representative Reports

a. CREC

Joe Doering reported that CREC is updating their constitution.

b. CAFE

Michele Holt shared that CAFE is having a conference this month but she is unable to attend. She informed the other board members that it is very valuable if they get the opportunity to attend.

Joe Doering reported that State Representative Tami Zawistowski received updated information regarding the decrease in funding from CHOICE.

VIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Follow Up to Efficiency Study

b. East Granby Youth Services

c. Executive Session - Negotiations

IX. Comments from Visitors

X. Executive Session - Negotiations

(Executive Session, if required, is held in accordance with P.A. 75-342)

See Executive Session Minutes

XI. Adjournment

The Board returned to regular session at 9:54 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Rob Crocker, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.

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Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mr. Brandon Freeman
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Rob Crocker

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Kim Brassard
Mr. Jim Feeney

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:22 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Jennifer Cook, to move into executive session to discuss negotiations. The board invited Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

The Board returned to regular session at 9:54 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Rob Crocker, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Holt,
Acting Board Secretary