

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, November 28, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt (7:05/8:15)
Mr. Jim Feeney
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. Robert Crocker
Mr. John Welsh
Ms. Jennifer Cook

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Kim Brassard
Mr. Brandon Freeman

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Additions to Agenda

Dr. Mahoney would like to add item IIIb. District Management Council Project Participation Request to the agenda.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Crocker to add item IIIb. District Management Council Project Participation Request to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Comments from Visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Follow Up to Efficiency Study

The board members discussed strategies to continue to address the efficiency study.

b. East Granby Youth Services

Bob Ravens-Seger shared that he emailed Dr. Mahoney and Joe Doering a list of potential motivational speakers to talk at a student assembly about substance abuse. Mr. Ravens-Seger explained that students expressed that a speaker who shares their real life experience is more appealing and influential. Dr. Mahoney asked how many assemblies did the group anticipate holding during the year. Mr. Ravens-Seger believes that EG Youth Services only want to hold one assembly. Joe Doering recommended holding an assembly for the high school students and another one for the middle school students.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on discussion of the Technologically Agile Learner with Business Partners

Dr. Mahoney shared information from the meeting she had with administrators and representatives from the Office Depot Educational Division regarding the Technologically Agile Learner. Discussion took place about what school districts should be implementing now to prepare students for success. As a district, we should have a statement that addresses vision and strategies to develop Technologically Agile Learners.

b. District Management Council Participation Request

Dr. Mahoney reported on the District Management Council/dmCT Project Proposal. Dr. Mahoney is a member of the dmCT Thought Partners group. This group holds discussions

and strategic thinking sessions around many issues such as dealing with declining enrollment, increase in students with special needs, and infrastructure. Beginning this fall through spring of 2018, the council is embarking on a study and implementation project to examine districts position relative to common issues in the current year. Dr. Mahoney feels that the opportunity to share perspectives and ideas with other professionals and focus on common issues would be a great follow up to the efficiency study. The cost covers the executives that serve as advisors to the group and pricing would depend on how many districts participate. Dr. Mahoney shared that the dmCT Thought Partners recently met in East Granby to participate in a case study and the council provided feedback and suggestions. Dr. Mahoney will email further information to board members and a recommendation to participate will be made at the December board meeting.

IV. Recommended Actions - None

V. Comments from Visitors - None

VI. Executive Session – Negotiations

It was decided that an executive session was not necessary at this time.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Crocker, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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