

**East Granby Board of Education
Budget Workshop &
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, March 13, 2017**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. James Feeney
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh
Ms. Jen Cook

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk (7:00 p.m.)
Emily Farmer, Student Representative (7:00 p.m.)
Brady Williams, Student Representative (7:00 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Rob Crocker

Joe Doering, Chairperson, convened the budget workshop session at 6:00 p.m. and called on Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco to lead the discussion. Dr. Mahoney and Susan Greco presented a 1.5% directed budget instructed by the Board of Finance for the 2017-2018 school year. The session concluded at 6:57 p.m.

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. Approve Minutes from the February 2, 2017 budget workshop, the February 13, 2017 regular meeting, the February 15, 2017 and February 23, 2017 budget workshops, and the February 27, 2017 regular meeting.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to approve the February 2, 2017 budget workshop minutes as presented (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Cook; ABSTAINED: Mrs. Holt and Mr. Ravens-Seger). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to approve the February 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to approve the February 15, 2017 budget workshop minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Cook; ABSTAINED: Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mrs. Holt and John Welsh). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger, to approve the February 23, 2017 budget workshop minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mrs. Holt, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Welsh, Ms. Cook; ABSTAINED: Mr. Ravens-Seger). *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger, to approve the February 27, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to Agenda

Jim Feeney would like to vote again on the Number of Board Members because the last election may be invalid. Mr. Feeney was informed that you need two-thirds vote of the board's membership for approval and the vote made on February 27, 2017 was 4-3. Mr. Doering suggested postponing the matter because in order to get two-thirds vote this evening, the board would need a unanimous vote. Postponing the election will also allow time for Mr. Doering to confirm with the town's attorney whether or not the vote is invalid.

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None.

II. Student Representatives Report

a. Student Representative Report

Brady Williams reported that the high school held a blood drive on February 24, 2017 and 33 people participated, the 10th and 11th grade students participated in a Career Day on March 7, 2017, and the POPs concert was held on March 10, 2017. Finally, on March 11, 2017, the East Granby Middle School Youth Action Council hosted a successful free skating event at Simsbury Farms Ice Rink. Emily Farmer reported that the Youth Action Council will hold a Safe Dates Program consisting of 5 sessions regarding healthy relationships, and the National Honor Society is selling carnations. The proceeds will go to the homeless shelter in Hartford. Lastly, Emily reported on upcoming high school events to include the

Sports Banquet on March 16, 2017, a Dodgeball Game on March 24, 2017, and the school musical “Once on this Island” on March 31st and April 1st, 2017.

III. Chairperson’s Report

a. 2017-2018 Budget

Joe Doering continued the conversation from the budget workshop held previously. As a group, the board feels they need to present to the Board of Finance and the community a 1.5 % budget that is necessary to run the district with the least negative impact.

b. Update on Efficiency Study – Nothing to report.

IV. Superintendent’s Report

a. February 2017 Financials

Susan Greco reviewed the February 2017 Financials reporting that line item #111 is in a deficit due to the hiring of an elementary teacher for an additional section due to increased enrollment, and employee changes; the Non-Certified Union Contract was ratified and retroactive adjustments will be made in March, and lines #121 and #125 are being heavily utilized due to teacher long term absences. Mrs. Greco also shared that the repair costs for the water main break at the middle/high school are not covered by insurance. The charges will be reflected in line #435 – Repairs to Buildings. The majority of the tuition invoices for Magnet Schools and out-of-district students have been received and the bill backs to Hartford have not yet been received. Once the balance is received, the money will help restore the personnel and tuition line items.

b. LED Lighting at Carl Allgrove School

Dr. Mahoney shared that the meeting to discuss the LED Lighting with Jim Hayden was postponed until March 17, 2017.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Nothing to report.

b. Budget – Previously discussed.

c. Curriculum - Dr. Mahoney reported that there is curriculum writing currently in progress.

d. Facilities - Susan Greco reported that there was a boiler leak at the middle school and the LED project proposal is being discussed.

e. Negotiations – Nothing to report.

f. Communications - Michele Holt would like to air more board meetings on GCTV.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve February 2016 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to approve the February 2017 Financials as presented in item IVa. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda items for Future Meetings

a. Update on Efficiency Study

b. District Management Council

c. LED Lighting Project

d. Number of BOE Members

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.