

**East Granby Board of Education
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, May 8, 2017**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Emily Farmer, Student Representative
Brady Williams, Student Representative
Stella Ross, Director of Curriculum
Bill Pitney, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mr. Rob Crocker

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Joe Doering called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Doering congratulated Dr. Mahoney and the East Granby School Community on East Granby High School ranking 3rd among Connecticut high schools.

a. Approve minutes from the April 5, 2017 and the April 17, 2017 budget workshops, and the April 24, 2017 regular meeting.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger, to approve the April 5, 2017 budget workshop minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Ravens-Seger; ABSTAINED: Mrs. Holt). **Motion approved.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to approve the April 17, 2017 budget workshop minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Doering, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Ravens-Seger; ABSTAINED: Mrs. Holt). **Motion approved.**

Michele Holt requested that the second to the last sentence in item IIIb. of the April 24, 2017 regular meeting minutes read as follows: Michele Holt was comfortable with the information presented and feels that it would benefit the board to release a statement sooner rather than later.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to approve the April 24, 2017 regular meeting minutes as amended by Mrs. Holt. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Additions to Agenda

Dr. Mahoney would like to add item Id. Student Representatives Report to the agenda.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to add item Id. Student Representatives Report to the agenda. **Motion approved unanimously.**

c. Comments from Visitors

Bill Pitney congratulated everyone for East Granby High School ranking 3rd in the state and commended everyone for the great budget presentations and collaboration with other boards to get the referendum passed.

d. Student Representatives Report

Emily Farmer reported that the junior/senior prom will be held at the North House in Avon on May 19, 2017 and the senior picnic will be held at High Meadows on May 30, 2017. Also, the National Honor Society is scheduling a bake sale to raise money to grow vegetable plants so in the Fall, the home economics classes can utilize them as well as the food pantry.

Brady Williams reported that the baseball team is 8-4 and rank 9th, softball is 12-1 and rank 3rd, multiple people qualified for track and field, and the golf team is close to making it to states. Brady also shared that the new scoreboards are up and running and that 120 students participate in spring sports.

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Update on Efficiency Study

Joe Doering reported that Joe Townsley called to inform him that Granby Public Schools was told by an architect that the capacity at Granby's high school is 250 students which is less than the number of students we currently have enrolled at East Granby High School. At the last board meeting, it was suggested to prepare a document regarding the Board of Education's response to recommendation #2.3 (Regionalization) of the efficiency study. Dr. Mahoney shared ideas and will put together statements and charts for the board to review as their response.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. 2016-2017 Retirement and 20+ Recognition Dinner

Dr. Mahoney reported that the 2016-2017 retirement/20+ dinner will be held at the same venue as previous years on May 31, 2017.

b. Recognition Ceremony - May 22, 2017

Dr. Mahoney reported that approximately 110 students will be recognized at a ceremony on May 22, 2017 in the high school auditorium prior to the board meeting for students who had extraordinary achievements and represented their school in an exemplary fashion.

c. Elementary Art Show – May 25, 2017

Dr. Mahoney invited board members to visit the elementary Art Show on May 25, 2017 at Carl Allgrove School.

d. Vision and Goals Discussion

Dr. Mahoney asked board members to review the Intellectually and Technologically Agile Learner Vision & Mission document that was previously emailed to them. The document reflects ideas from the leadership group, members of the Office Depot Educational Division, as well as community and board members about the Vision of the 21st Century Agile Learner. A retreat was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017 in the high school library to design modernized lists in regards to goals, vision, and areas of focus for the district.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Meeting Dates (5/10, 5/26, 6/6) at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Mahoney proposed meeting with the policy subcommittee members on 5/10, 5/26, and 6/6 at 8:30 am.

b. Budget – None

c. Curriculum – Dr. Mahoney reported that new Advanced Manufacturing curriculum was piloted this school year. The curriculum is available for board members to review before a motion to approve the curriculum is recommended at the June 12, 2017 board meeting.

d. Facilities – Susan Greco reviewed the 2016 close out infrastructure and capital non-recurring figures. At a town meeting on 6/21/16, the district was awarded \$60,000 for school technology. We will be returning \$60.76 of that money to the town. The district was also awarded \$33,568 for infrastructure. We will hold open/use the \$2,702 remaining amount. We were awarded \$69,240 for parking lot repairs. The actual work came in under budget; therefore, we are returning \$17,547 to the town. The carpet at the middle school will be replaced this June. The amount available to cover the cost is \$47,700. At the town meeting on November 16, 2016, the district was awarded \$7,000 for boiler repairs. We will be returning \$126 of these funds to the town.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Ravens-Seger to accept the 2016 close out of the infrastructure and capital non-recurring accounts awarded to the district at the June 21, 2016 and the November 1, 2016 town meetings. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Additionally, Mrs. Greco shared that the district is looking into replacing the existing phone system at Carl Allgrove School and the middle/high school; the phone system at R.D. Seymour School is newer. We are also reviewing getting an irrigation system for the baseball/softball fields, and a planned maintenance to clean the air ducts at R.D. Seymour School will be scheduled. Dr. Mahoney reported that money is being reserved for an engineer to review the electrical needs for air conditioning at Carl Allgrove School.

- e. **Negotiations** – Negotiations for the Administrators’ contract will begin this Fall.
- f. **Communication** – Michele Holt would like to assist in disseminating the board’s response to the efficiency study to the community.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve April 2017 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mrs. Holt, to approve the April 2017 Financials as presented. Susan Greco shared that she is confident that the lines in red will be taken care of when we receive the money from Hartford. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Field Trips

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for the high school band and color guard to travel to the Big E in West Springfield Massachusetts on September 29, 2017. The band will perform on the green of Storrowton Tavern and in the parade. Students will depart at 11:30 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The district will fund the cost of \$750 for two buses. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. District Management Council

Dr. Mahoney announced that the District Management Group offered to hold an in-district professional development with her and the leadership team to examine strategies to further improve efficiency and district performance. This will be very valuable to the leadership team.

b. Superintendent’s Evaluation

VII. Comments from Visitors – Mr. Pitney thanked everyone for what they do every day.

VIII. Executive Session - Superintendent's Evaluation

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.

**East Granby Board of Education
Executive Session Meeting Minutes for
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Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. James Feeney
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seeger
Mr. John Welsh

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Jennifer Cook
Mr. Rob Crocker

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Mrs. Holt to move into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation and invited Dr. Mahoney to attend.
Motion approved unanimously.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:06 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ravens-Seeger
Board Secretary