

East Granby Board of Education
Meeting and Recognition Ceremony will air on GCTV16.org
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, May 22, 2017

Board Members Present:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. James 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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Robert Crocker

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Joe Doering called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. **Additions to the Agenda** - None
- b. **Comments from visitors regarding agenda items** - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Update on Efficiency Study

Dr. Mahoney discussed a response to the efficiency study that she drafted based on what was shared by board members at previous meetings and the results of the efficiency study. The information consisted of an introduction, chart of recommendations, what was done to address the recommendations, and a focus on recommendation 2.3 regarding regionalization. Dr. Mahoney listed findings from the efficiency study follow-up that showed that there is no evidence of cost savings in finding a host district for East Granby High School. Dr. Mahoney asked board members to review the information discussed and send their edits to her prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Feeney asked that copies of the PowerPoint from the Board of Education's presentation on April 24, 2017 be emailed to the board members. Michele Holt would like to release the board's response to recommendation 2.3 to the community as soon as possible. John Welsh recommended listing portions of the information as an addendum or exhibit to make the message stronger.

b. Discussion of Vision/Mission/Focus Areas/Goals

Last week, Dr. Mahoney met with board members Joe Doering, John Welsh, and business manager, Susan Greco. Together they reviewed previously gathered information and sample mission statements, goals, and vision statements drafted by Dr. Mahoney. Dr. Mahoney shared the drafts with board members. Together they came up with seven goals, there are currently four. Dr. Mahoney explained that the purpose of the mission, vision, goals and the belief statements is to ensure clarity, coherence, and focus to make certain that student needs are addressed and fulfill the board's charge. Jim Feeney and John Welsh asked a couple of questions for clarification.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Policy Series – FIRST READ

Dr. Mahoney reported that she met with Bob Ravens-Seger and John Welsh last week to review several policies, most of them new. Bob Ravens-Seger found them to be sensible and John Welsh agreed. A SECOND READ of the policies will take place at the next board meeting.

b. Discussion of Infrastructure Capital Plan

As a refresher, Susan Greco reviewed the Five Year Capital Needs Project Inventory from January 9, 2017. The technology equipment line will be used to replace old computers in the high school computer lab and for purchasing new Chrome Books. They will try to replace about 200 Chrome Books per school, per year. Chrome Books are most compatible for state testing. Mrs. Greco reported that she is soliciting quotes for a new phone system for the middle/high school and Carl Allgrove School that will be compatible with R.D. Seymour School's existing phone system. Quotes are also being solicited for an irrigation system for the baseball and softball fields, and parking lot repairs at the high school. The carpet replacement project at the middle school is ready to begin and arrangements to have the work done are being made. Mrs. Greco also reported that the boiler repair at Carl Allgrove School is complete and the LED lighting project for Carl Allgrove School has gone to the Board of Finance but has not yet gone to town meeting. Bob Ravens-Seger recalls that there is a timeframe for the LED lighting project. Mrs. Greco replied that there is and that she has already asked the vendor for two extensions. Electrical services required to support air conditioning at Carl Allgrove School is also being investigated. John Welsh asked if the electrical engineer would consider solar panels.

IV. Recommended Actions

Joe Doering asked to revisit item Ia. Additions to the Agenda and asked for a motion to add Approve Superintendent's Contract under item IVb. Recommended Actions.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the request to add item IVb. Approve Superintendent's Contract to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

a. Approve Field Trip

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for high school students to travel to New York City on September 20, 2017 to visit Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, Rockefeller Center, attend a Broadway Production of Anastasia, and have dinner at Dallas BBQ Restaurant. Students will depart at 5:30 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. Cost per student paid by the student is \$185.00.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jen Cook to approve the field trip for high school students to travel to New York City on September 20, 2017 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve Superintendent's Contract

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jim Feeney to approve the Superintendent's Contract as discussed in Executive Session. *Motion approved unanimously.*

V. Agenda for Future Meetings

a. Efficiency Study Report

b. Policy Series SECOND READ

c. Advanced Manufacturing Curriculum

VI. Comments from Visitors - None

VII. Superintendent's Evaluation

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

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Jennifer Cook, seconded by Jim Feeney, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.

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Executive Session Meeting Minutes for
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Mr. James Feeney
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seeger
Ms. Jennifer Cook
Mr. John Welsh

Board Members Absent:
Mr. Rob Crocker
Mrs. Michele Holt

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:31 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Jim Feeney to move into Executive Session for the purpose of a the Superintendent's Evaluation inviting Dr. Mahoney to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

The Board returned to regular session at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Jim Feeney to approve the Superintendent's Contract as discussed in Executive Session. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Jennifer Cook, seconded by Jim Feeney, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ravens-Seeger
Board Secretary