

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. James Feeney
Mrs. Karey Pond
Ms. Jennifer Cook

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Oliver Davis, Visitor
Ivana Prats, Student Representative
Ryan Trombly, Student Representative

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Joe Doering
Mr. Robert Crocker
Mrs. Sharon Shepherd

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Ravens-Seger Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve Minutes from the July 10, 2017 regular meeting, the September 11, 2017 regular meeting, the September 13, 2017 special meeting, the September 18, 2017 special meeting, and the September 25, 2017 regular meeting

Dr. Mahoney consulted the board's attorney regarding the language that Joe Doering suggested amending. The attorney commented that the minutes should remain as they are at present.

MOTION: a motion was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Feeney to approve the July 10, 2017 minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Cook. ABSTAINED: Mrs. Pond). **Motion approved.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mrs. Pond to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Pond, seconded by Mr. Feeney to approve the September 13, 2017 minutes as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mrs. Pond to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes as presented. (FOR: Mr. Ravens-Seger, Mr. Welsh, Ms. Cook, Mrs. Pond. ABSTAINED: Mr. Feeney). **Motion approved.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the September 25, 2017 minutes as presented. Mr. Welsh made a new motion requesting to amend the time the meeting was adjourned from 8:51p.m. to 7:51 p.m.; Mrs. Pond seconded the motion to approve the September 25, 2017 minutes as amended.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. Additions to the Agenda

Dr. Mahoney recommended adding item VIc. Approve Field Trips to the agenda.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Pond to add item VIc. Approve Field Trips to the agenda. **Motion approved unanimously.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Pond to add item VIId. Approve New Board Member Oliver Davis to the agenda. **Motion approved unanimously.**

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Dr. Mahoney introduced the two new student representatives, Ivana Prats and Ryan Trombly. Ivana is the Treasurer for the Class of 2018 and president of the National Honor Society (NHS). Ryan actively volunteers at the Trolley Museum and is in the process of becoming an Eagle Scout. Ivana reported that the general student body is adjusting to the changes at the high school, and NHS is continuing the mentor and tutoring program at R.D. Seymour School.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Update on Pre-Planning for Negotiations with EGAA

Dr. Mahoney reported that discussion will take place with the board's attorney on October 11, 2017 to prepare for the meeting with the EGAA bargaining unit on October 18, 2017.

b. Update on Bonding Request

Bob Ravens-Seger reported that the bonding committee is considering addressing the roofs of Carl Allgrove and the Middle School along with the roofs of other town buildings and the electrical updates for air conditioning at Carl Allgrove School.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on High School Lunch

Dr. Mahoney reported that the high school now offers a variety of lunch choices throughout the week. Each class selected what menu item their class would sell on a particular day. Choices now include such items as macaroni and cheese with broccoli, grinders, wraps, and pizza.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Dr. Mahoney has two policies that she would like to review and based on the last legislative session there will be more forthcoming.

b. Budget – Nothing

c. Curriculum – Dr. Mahoney reported that the Professional Development Curriculum Council Committee will meet in early November.

d. Facilities – Susan Greco reported that the preschool playground is open again but they are still waiting on two components that will be professionally installed. We are very grateful to Galasso Materials for donating sand for the playground and the DPW who assisted in delivering and installing it. Mrs. Greco also reported that one of the two boilers at the high school needs to be rebuilt before winter.

e. Negotiations – Previously discussed.

f. Communications – Dr. Mahoney will submit her article to Let's Talk Turkey for October. Mr. Welsh commented that there was positive feedback on her last submission.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve August 2017 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Ms. Cook, to approve the August 2017 Financials as presented. Susan Greco reported that there was little activity at the beginning of school. Salary and benefit lines will be solidified in early fall and staffing adjustments are still in process. Business Insurance lines came in lower than projected and we are working with our vendors to reduce our contracted maintenance service fees wherever possible. Repairs to Buildings have been impacted significantly due to carpet replacement and mold removal at the middle school and the sewer blockage and mold removal at Carl Allgrove School. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Approve September 2017 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Feeney to approve the September 2017 Financials as presented. Susan Greco reported that there was little activity since August. They are beginning to encumber teacher salaries and student transportation and public and private school tuition will be encumbered as information becomes available. **Motion approved unanimously.**

c. Approve Field Trips

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for high school students to travel to the British Isles in April 2019 to experience different world cultures and enrich their global perspectives. The cost per student paid by the student is \$3,800.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Pond, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the high school field trip to the British Isles in April 2019 as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Dr. Mahoney presented a field trip for high school students to travel to Quebec City Canada in February 2018 to expose students to foreign language, culture, as well as politics and history. The cost per student paid by the student is \$600.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mrs. Pond, seconded by Mr. Feeney to approve the high school field trip to Quebec City Canada in February 2018 as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

d. Approve New Board Member Oliver Davis

Bob Ravens-Seger presented the nomination of Oliver Davis by the East Granby RTC to serve as a member of the Board of Education to fill the board vacancy created by Kim Brassard.

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Feeney to accept the nomination of Oliver Davis to serve as a member of the Board of Education. **Motion approved unanimously.** Mr. Davis will be sworn in at town hall.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. **Presentation of Student Performance Student**
- b. **Fall Board of Education School/Community Recognition Ceremony**
- c. **Impact of State Budget when Passed**

VIII. Comments from Visitors

Ivana Prats and Ryan Trombly reported that the international field trips are an eye opening experience for those students who participate.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mrs. Pond to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.