

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 23, 2017**

MEETING WILL BE AIRED ON GCTV16.ORG

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Jim Feeny
Mr. Joe Doering
Mrs. Sharon Shepherd
Mrs. Karey Pond
Mr. Oliver Davis

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Rob Crocker
Ms. Jennifer Cook

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Greco, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Tony DeMelo, Principal EGHS
Melissa Bavaro, Principal EGMS
Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum
Maylah Uhlinger, Principal Allgrove School
Bob McGrath, Principal R.D. Seymour School
Tim Phelan, Assistant Principal EGHS
William Pitney, Visitor
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Bob Paskiewicz, Visitor
Carolyn Blake, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Additions to the Agenda – None

b. Comments from Visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Performance Reports – Presentations by Administrators

Dr. Mahoney turned the meeting over to the administrators so they could present their performance reports based on district initiatives to improve student learning, assessment results, and curriculum focus areas for their respective school. Missy Bavaro was the facilitator and began by explaining that the teachers developed their objectives for the coming year using the district vision and mission statements, focus areas, and goals. Mastery Based Learning and Growth Mindset were the two major focus areas. District-wide Professional Learning and Collaboration occurred on professional development days, during team, faculty and department meetings, collaborative assessment conferencing, curriculum writing, school climate, and work sessions to name a few. Some of the Sources of Assessment Data includes Smarter Balanced Assessment, SATs, Measures of Academic Progress, Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Reading Assessment, Study Island, and On Demand Writing. Next, Ms. Bavaro reviewed the implementation of the Scientific Research Based Intervention process, the three intervention tiers involved, and the next steps. In addition to academic support, some students may also require additional social emotional support services.

Maylah Uhlinger presented Special Education's Annual Performance Report on behalf of Karen Gogel, Student Support Services Director and explained that the report is based on data from the 2015-2016 school year; it is always a year behind. The report is comprised of fifteen indicators. East Granby met all targeted areas on the state report and did even better in 2015-2016 than 2014-2015. We were 100% in compliance in terms of timelines and there were no areas that needed addressing on the compliance report.

Maylah Uhlinger continued by sharing information for Carl Allgrove School. The percent of students meeting the end of the year (Fountas & Pinell) reading benchmark are as follows: Gr. K - 86%, Gr. 1 - 74%, and Gr. 2 - 84%.

Bob McGrath reported on the initiatives and leadership program at R. D. Seymour School. The percent of students in grades 3-5 that met or exceeded the states achievement level in English Language Arts (ELA) are as follows: Gr. 3 - 69.4%, Gr. 4 - 70.4%, and Gr. 5 - 78.1%. The percent that met or exceeded the states achievement level in math are as follows: Gr. 3 - 77.8%, Gr. 4 - 69.0%, Gr. 5 - 68.0%. This is the first year that the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) was taken on computers and 70% of R.D. Seymour School students received at goal and above in Science (state average is 54.7%).

Missy Bavaro reported that East Granby Middle School students met or exceeded the state percentages in grades 6-8 in both ELA and math. ELA results are as follows: Gr. 6 – 69%, Gr. 7 - 71.2%, and Gr. 8 -76.6%. Math results are as follows: Gr. 6 - 65.3%, Gr. 7 - 65.1%, and Gr. 8 - 62.7%. Additionally, 83% of grade 8 students received at goal and above in (CMT) science (state average in 60%).

Tony DeMelo reviewed the Scholastic Aptitude Test Results. The 11th grade students averaged a math score of 548 (63%), 21.7% over state average and an ELA average score of 569 (85.7%), 20.3% over state average ranking them #1 in Math and #2 in ELA in DRG D. The 2016 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) results reflects that 78.9% of East Granby High School students were at or above goal in Science and ranked #1 in DRG D and scored a 96.6% at proficiency or above in science and ranked #1 in DRG D. Next, Mr. DeMelo reviewed the Advanced Placement mean scores from 2012-2017.

The presentations were concluded by the Marjorie Light who shared the district initiatives and curriculum focus for 2017-2018. Mr. Ravens-Seger commended the administrators and teachers on the impressive results and for looking to pilot new curriculum. Joe Doering commended everyone on a job well done. Dr. Mahoney thanked everyone for their support. They made sure to engage everyone in the process and that everyone had the same goals. We used resources effectively and will continue to do so. Karey Pond thanked everyone for the informative presentations and for recording the meeting so that the information can be shared with the community on GCTV. Sharon Shepherd thanked everyone and is impressed by the testing results. Mr. Feeney commented that recording more meetings like these would be helpful. John Welsh thanked the leadership team and Dr. Mahoney for their hard work.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Welcome New Board Member

Bob Ravens-Seger welcomed new board member Oliver Davis. Mr. Davis shared a brief background on himself and thanked the board members for making him feel welcomed. He looks forward to giving back to the community.

b. Capital Requests

Bob Ravens-Seger reported that the Board of Finance will be discussing various capital request items at an upcoming meeting.

c. Update on Bonding Commission Requests

Bob Ravens-Seger reported that the Bonding Commission is considering addressing the roofs of the middle/high school and Carl Allgrove School along with other town buildings.

IV. Recommended Actions - None

V. Comments from Visitors

Carolyn Blake shared her concerns about how to locate the Board of Education agendas and minutes on the town website and the fact that there are two websites where they get posted. Mr.

Pitney expressed his appreciation to the administration, teachers, and the board members for a job well done. In order to strengthen communication between the board and the community, Karey Pond would like to request adding communications to the next agenda. John Welsh suggested waiting until January after new board members are sworn in. Regardless of the outcome of the election, as a citizen, Mrs. Pond would like to add it. Since she has been a board member, some persons have expressed to her their need to feel more connected to the board. Dr. Mahoney and Bob Ravens-Seeger explained the formats of the board agendas and that there are regulations. Communications is always listed on the first meeting agenda of the month under committee reports. Jim Feeney suggested that Mrs. Pond identify specific problems as she receives them so the board can address them accordingly. Bob Paskiewicz commented that board members should have school email accounts so the community can contact them.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Doering to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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