

East Granby Board of Education
Meeting and Recognition Ceremony will air on GCTV16.org
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Sharon Shepherd
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Jim Feeney
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro
Mr. John Ziobro

Others Present:

Dr. Christine Mahoney, Superintendent
Mr. Richard Mahoney, Interim Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mr. Bill George, Technology Director

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Robert Crocker
Mrs. Karey Pond

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeney, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to add item Vb. Approve Extending Superintendent's Contract by One Year to the agenda. (FOR: Bob Ravens-Seger, Sharon Shepherd, Jim Feeney, John Welsh. OPPOSED: Lucia Ziobro, John Ziobro, and Bob Paskiewicz). **Motion approved.**

Dr. Mahoney asked that Bob Ravens-Seger discuss the Shared Services Committee report under the Chairperson's Report.

b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Correspondence - None

III. Chairperson's Report

As a result of the Shared Services Committee Report, Bob Ravens-Seger announced that a Shared Services Sub-Committee is being organized and will consist of the Board of Selectman with Jim Hayden as the Chairman and representation from the Board of Education (BOE). The Shared Services sub-committee will discuss ways of saving money and cost efficiency. Bob Ravens-Seger continued reporting that the Bonding Commission has started getting recommendations for the town side and BOE side (discussions include a new middle school roof and electrical upgrades at Carl Allgrove School for air conditioning) and hopes to present a package to the town in February 2019. Sharon Shepherd thought the bonding would be expedited because of the condition of the middle school roof. Bob Ravens-Seger hopes the commission will have the report to the town in October and a complete bonding packet in February 2019. The roof is a very large expensive project and is noted as a placeholder on the BOE Five Year Capital Plan.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Policies

Dr. Mahoney will schedule a policy sub-committee meeting to review and discuss policy changes and new policies recommended by C.A.B.E.

b. Projected K-5 Student Enrollment 2018-2019

Dr. Mahoney reported that the only change at R.D Seymour School so far for 2018-2019 is grade 3 with 51 students (3 sections). All K-2 classes moving forward are the same. Currently, there are 53 kindergarteners enrolled at Carl Allgrove for 2018-2019 and she anticipates that by the end of the summer there could be close to 60 (3 sections). We have the same number of faculty and will move people if necessary to stay within the guidelines and the budget. John Welsh asked about the Pre-K enrollment and Dr. Mahoney explained that we are required by statute to service 3 year olds that are referred to us. Dr. Mahoney shared a Pre-K packet describing the services for 3 and 4 year olds with BOE members. For a small fee, model students can attend Pre-K depending on the number of slots available. Bob Paskiewicz asked what the ratio of student mandates vs. student models is. Dr. Mahoney responded that it is 50/50 or 1:1.

c. Capital Infrastructure Plan

Dr. Mahoney distributed copies of the Five Year Capital Plan so the BOE members can prepare to discuss it at the Board of Finance (BOF) meeting on June 12, 2018. The document was updated to include modifications due to two quotes that came in lower than anticipated (wireless connectivity and Allgrove/Middle School/High School telephone system). This will allow the BOE to purchase more Chromebooks increasing the number we have and replacing old ones. We will receive a credit for those that are/are not working. Other items addressed in the plan are the water drainage issues in the south parking lot at Carl Allgrove School, HVAC controls at the middle/high school, high school auditorium roof access and an air conditioning engineering assessment at Carl Allgrove School. Instead of it being listed as a footnote on the plan, John Ziobro, would like to include the school roof projects as part of the plan. The roofs are a priority and should be addressed. Due to the large expense of the roofing projects, Dr. Mahoney explained that they are hoping that the bonding commission will address it. John Welsh agrees with what John Ziobro is saying but this is what the BOE has to work with for now; sooner or later, the town will have to address the roofs. Other BOE members agreed. Lucia Ziobro suggested allocating money every year towards roof replacement. John Welsh suggested keeping it as placeholder on the plan so people know that the BOE's priority is the roofs.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Motion to Recommend Capital Projects to BOS/BOF

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeny, seconded by John Welsh to approve the Five Year Capital Plan Request as amended. (FOR: Bob Ravens-Seger, Bob Paskiewicz, Sharon Shepherd, Jim Feeny and John Welsh. OPPOSED: John Ziobro and Lucia Ziobro). **Motion approved.**

b. Approve Extending Superintendent's Contract One Year

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeny, seconded by John Welsh to Approve Extending the Superintendent's Contract One Year. John Ziobro believes the evaluation should be completed first. Jim Feeny explained that it needs to be done prior to the end of the fiscal year and historically the BOE extends the contract and deals with benefits later. Lucia Ziobro disagrees with the interpretation of what the contract states regarding extending the contract.

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeny, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to end the discussion and move to approve the motion to Approve Extending the Superintendent's Contract One year. (FOR: Jim Feeny, Bob Ravens-Seger, Sharon Shepherd, John Welsh. OPPOSED: Bob Paskiewicz, John Ziobro, and Lucia Ziobro). **Motion approved.**

VI. Agenda for Future Meetings

- a. School Safety and Security** – requested by Bob Paskiewicz as an ongoing agenda item.
- b. Iceland Trip** – Mr. Feeny would like to discuss the decision made regarding the incident during the Iceland field trip in executive session.
- c. CABA Attorney** – Lucia Ziobro requested to invite CABA attorney, Rebecca Adams, to instruct the BOE on how to properly conduct a meeting.

VII. Comments from Visitors - None

VIII. Superintendent's Evaluation

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

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Sharon Shepherd, seconded by Bob Paskiewicz, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

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The Executive Session was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeney, seconded by John Welsh 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 10:00 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Sharon Shepherd, seconded by Bob Paskiewicz, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Shepherd
Board Secretary