

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, February 25, 2019**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Robert Crocker
Mrs. Karey Pond
Mr. John Ziobro
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro

Others Present:

Dr. Patricia Charles, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Sherry Holmes, Business Manager
Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Bill Pitney, Visitor
Paul Calebaugh, Visitor
Steve Mosher, Visitor
Janet Mosher, Visitor
Maylah Uhlinger, Principal Carl Allgrove School
Bob McGrath, Principal R.S. Seymour School
Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services
Melissa Bavaro, Principal EGMS

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Jim Feeney to add item IIb. Year in Review to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Superintendent Search Update

The Board of Education (BOE) interviewed search firms to assist with the pursuit for a new superintendent. A decision whether to hire a firm or do the search themselves will be made soon. The BOE will continue to inform the community with updates.

b. Year in Review

Some of the items the BOE addressed in 2018 include recording board meetings for GCTV and posting the board members contact information on the district website. A new bus transportation company was hired as well as a new business manager. An Interim Superintendent came onboard in September 2018 but Dr. Charles can only stay for a pre-determined amount of time. With the help of the Bonding Committee and the community's approval, new roofs will be installed at Carl Allgrove and the Middle/High School. Air conditioning units that can also provide heat will be installed in Carl Allgrove School. The BOE will be returning \$97,020.69 to the town and they will request that the funds be put into a non-lapsing account. The BOE will continue to provide a quality education in the coming years. Dr. Charles added that R.D. Seymour School was recently recognized as a School of Distinction.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Next Generation Science Standards – Marjorie Light

The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are science content standards that set the expectations for what students should know and be able to do. Marjorie Light featured science experiments and investigations elementary and middle school students are doing in the classroom. Some students are exploring using science kits that can be replenished to save

on cost. Some of the topics include plants and animals, physical science (energy), mixtures and solutions, chemistry, and citizen science. High school science teachers are currently developing classes for grades 9-12 but they do not have any science kits. East Granby has been proactive in NGSS putting us ahead of other districts.

b. Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements – FIRST READ

Dr. Charles pointed out the recommended changes the policy sub-committee made to policy 6146. Some of the changes include Veterans required to live in town for a minimum of 50 consecutive years in order to receive their high school diploma. This is not part of the Connecticut General Statute; therefore, the language was removed from the policy. Grade 8 Algebra I and/or Spanish I courses will count as elective credit and not towards the high school distribution requirements. A second read will take place at the next board meeting. Jim Feeney recommended spelling out the acronym SDE on page (d) to read State Department of Education.

c. Update on Closing Building Projects

In May 2018, the BOE approved to close the building projects at Carl Allgrove School, the BOE offices, and the middle/high school. The board has one year from that date to close out the projects with the state. Mary Ellen Brown, the town assessor, and the Connecticut Region Education Council are helping us with the close outs. Old projects need to be closed out before we can get approved for new projects.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve to Appoint CABE – Superintendent Search Firm

The search committee unanimously recommended CABE as the firm to assist with the process of searching for a new superintendent.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to table item IVa until the next meeting due to the absence of several board members and to allow more time to review the presentations. *Motion approved unanimously.*

V. Comments from Visitors

Paul Calebaugh had a list of several questions for the board members. Bob Paskiewicz explained to Mr. Calebaugh that the agenda specifically states comments from visitors and that it is not intended to be a question and answer session. Bob instructed Mr. Calebaugh to submit his questions in writing to the superintendent and/or the board and they would be happy to address them.

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements – SECOND READ

b. Approve to Appoint CABE – Superintendent Search Firm

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Jim Feeney, seconded by Sharon Shepherd, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk