## **East Granby Board of Education**

# **Special Meeting Minutes for**

Thursday, June 13, 2019

#### **Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz

Mr. Jim Feeney

Mr. John Welsh

Mr. John Ziobro

#### **Others Present:**

M. Bavaro-Grande, Acting Superintendent

Ms. Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

Joe Boissonneault, TNE (8:46)

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Mr. Rob Crocker

Mrs. Karey Pond

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger

Mrs. Lucia Ziobro

## I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Without a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Paskiewicz called the special meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and all recited the pledge of Allegiance.

## II. Energy Efficiencies

The board members discussed the natural gas conversion project for the middle/high school offered by JK Energy Solutions and Eversource. They conversed about the timeline of the project and whether or not to present it to the Board of Finance (BOF) at tonight's BOF meeting. John Ziobro prefers not to rush the project and feels that the offer to participate would still be available next year. He looked up the reviews on Lochinvar boilers and found that they are not rated well. Joe Boissonneault believes the project will be available to participate in next year but the offer would not include the \$137,126 utility incentive and free installation of the gas line quoted at \$112,000; a savings of nearly a quarter million dollars.

The board members are concerned about the present condition of the boilers and their performance this winter. Joe Boissonneault shared information about cost for replacement burners in the event they completely fail, the 4-6 week lead time to get new burners, down time, and the option to rent boilers. School buildings are required to have heat available by October 15<sup>th</sup> every year. Even if one of the current boilers fails, the other boiler does not have the capability of maintaining proper temperature of the building especially in extremely cold weather.

The general consensus of the board members is to have the Board Chairperson present the conversion project to the BOF tonight even if the project is planned for next year.

## III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline Board Clerk