

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 28, 2019**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Ziobro
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro
Mrs. Karey Pond
Mr. Jim Feeney

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Rob Crocker

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Acting Superintendent
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Timothy Phelan, Interim Principal EGMS
Tony DeMelo, Principal EGHS (8:00)
Marsie Luckenbach, Dean of Students EGHS
Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum
Maylah Uhlinger, Principal Carl Allgrove School
Bob McGrath, Principal R.D. Seymour School
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services
William Pitney, Visitor
Jennifer Russell, Visitor
Carolyn Blake, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the agenda

John Ziobro requested to add item IIIb Discussion of Tennis Courts and item IVb Approval of Tennis Courts. Bob Paskiewicz will discuss the tennis courts under item IIIa Capital Plan. Jim Feeney would like to add item VI Agenda Items for Future Meetings making Adjournment item VII.

b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Performance Reports – Presentations by Administrators

Curriculum Director, Marjorie Light, reported on assessment results and curriculum focus areas including 2019-2020 curriculum initiatives across the district for grades K-12. Student Support Services Director, Karen Gogel shared special education growth measures for each school, the annual performance report, focus areas, and shared services with other districts. Carl Allgrove School Principal, Maylah Uhlinger, explained the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System and the Wilson Reading Program. Maylah also reviewed the reading benchmark scores for June 2019 and how important summer reading is. In addition to the three weeks of reading instruction offered during the month of July, ideas for summer reading incentives were discussed. Mrs. Uhlinger will update the board on new reading incentives in the spring. R.D. Seymour School Principal, Bob McGrath, stated that the summer reading program was expanded to include grade 4 students. He reviewed the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) student performance levels in English Language Arts (ELA) and math and Seymour's ranking within the District Reference Group (DRG). Eight-three percent of grade 5 students met or exceeded the state goal for the 2018-2019 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). This was the first year that NGSS was reported. Middle School Principal, Tim Phelan, outlined the SBAC testing scores for ELA and math compared against the state average and where the middle school ranked within the DRG. The 2018-2019 NGSS results showed that 76.4% of grade 8 students met or exceeded the state goal. High School Principal, Tony DeMelo, summarized the 2018-2019 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the NGSS results. Both tests are given to all grade 11 students in the spring of their junior year. Principal DeMelo finished his presentation by sharing the 2019 Advanced Placement results.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Capital Plan Update

F & F checked the boilers and suggested upkeep to prevent system failure. They also suggested cleaning the air ducts every five years. Repairs to tennis courts are needed sooner than next year. The BOE requested a \$25,000 capital expenditure for repairs to tennis courts for 2020-2021 and funds were not allocated in this fiscal year's operating budget to cover the cost. Bob Paskiewicz proposed using non-recurring funds to cover the cost of repairs this fiscal year. The board received an additional quote for immediate repairs and protection from further damage over the winter and the actual project would be completed in the spring of 2020 after tennis season. The total cost is approximately \$23,000. Bob Paskiewicz suggested locking up the tennis courts during the winter after the repairs are made and establish a maintenance plan in the future. All the tennis courts will need to be replaced in 6-8 years.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Field Trips

Melissa Bavaro-Grande presented a field trip for grades 8-12 students to travel to Hawaii during the 2021 April school vacation. The trip is a science themed trip that includes community service, Hawaiian heritage, and cultural explorations. The students are responsible for the cost of the trip (\$3,795). Fundraising will help offset the cost. There is no cost to district.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger for grades 8-12 students to travel to Hawaii during the 2021 April school vacation as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Tennis Courts

MOTION: a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by John Welsh to approve \$4,800 for the preliminary repairs to the tennis courts and an additional \$18,200 for the completion of the project in the spring of 2020 for a total of \$23,000 using non-recurring funds. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

V. Comments from Visitors

Jennifer Russell thanked the board members for addressing the needs of the tennis courts.

VI. Future Agenda Items

a. Ransomware - To be held in executive session.

b. Capital Plan Update – It was suggested to discuss this at a sub-committee meeting instead of a regular board meeting.

c. Policy Sub-Committee Meeting – To continue the discussion of a Dual Enrollment policy.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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