

East Granby Board of Education
East Granby, CT 06026
Budget Workshop Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2020

Board Members Present:

Bob Paskiewicz
Bob Ravens-Seeger
John Ziobro
Lucia Ziobro
Karey Pond
Lynn Landolina

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Acting Superintendent
Ray Engle, Business Manager
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The budget workshop was called to order at 6:00 PM, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Budget 2020-2021

a. Special Education

Ms. Bavaro-Grande introduced Ms. Gogel and complimented her and the Special Education team on the work and services they continue to provide given a substantial rise in numbers and need for student support services.

Ms. Gogel highlighted and provided explanation on the following areas:

- Increase in needs and supports over the past several years
- Transition planning for students through age 21
- Shared services available through Farmington Valley Directors' Group
- Excess Cost grant for both outplaced and in-house students
- Funding/reimbursement received through Open Choice
- Migration data in and out of district - Special Education vs. General Education
- Increase in emotional and mental health needs, and at an earlier age
- Increase in BCBA services (Board Certified Behavior Analyst)
- Case management responsibilities and numbers
- Line items in the budget such as CT Public Tuition (CREC/magnet schools/ Suffield Vo-Ag) East Ganby attends all PPT's and 504 meetings and EG is responsible for services.
- IDEA grant

Mr. Engle shared documents and information including:

- Updated budget spreadsheet showing all line items in the operating budget.
- Personnel and costs charged to grants, including Open Choice.
- % impact of the Special Ed budget needs plus the contractual agreements on the overall budget.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6PM

III. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by Lucia Ziorbro to adjourn the workshop. The workshop adjourned at 7:45 PM