

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, February 24, 2020**

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**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger  
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina  
Mr. John Ziobro  
Mr. John Welsh  
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro  
Mr. John Corcoran

**Others Present:**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Acting Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Rick Bortz, Visitor  
William Pitney, Visitor  
Carl Pitney, Visitor

**Board Members Absent:**

Mrs. Karey Pond  
Mrs. Michele Holt

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**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**a. Additions to the Agenda**

Item IVa was moved to item Ic, item IVb was tabled until March 9, 2020, and items IVc and VII were resolved and no longer needed.

**b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None**

**c. Approve January 2020 Financials**

Raymond explained the updates made to the January 2020 Financials that should have been reflected at the last meeting.

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by John Welsh to approve the January 2020 Financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**II. Chairperson's Report**

**a. Superintendent Search Update**

The board scheduled final interviews on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Comment on Coffee and Conversation**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande hosted a Coffee and Conversation on February 20, 2020 to connect with community members. She answered specific questions, received compliments and listened to concerns. The community will have another opportunity to give their viewpoints at a Desserts and Discussion in late March, early April.

**b. NEASC Collaborative Conference**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande explained that the purpose of the Collaborative Conference visit this April is to gather current information about the high school. This is for research purposes only. They will assess and take a look at foundational elements. The Accreditation Commission will visit the school in February of 2022.

**c. Policy 5144.4 Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students **FIRST READ****

This is a brand new policy to ensure that we do not use physical exercise as punishment during the school day. The policy sub-committee compared policy language with CABE and surrounding towns.

**d. Policy 5145.511 Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education **FIRST READ****

This is a brand new policy that deals with exploitation and sexual harassment and provides resources for families. Policy language comes from a combination of CAFE and neighboring towns.

**e. Policy 6159 IEP/Special Education Program **FIRST READ****

This is an existing policy that was updated by the Director of Student Support Services, Karen Gogel. Some of the updates include a timeline for implementation of an IEP and developing an IEP to include a language and communication plan for children identified as deaf or hearing impaired.

**IV. Recommended Actions**

- a. Approve January 2020 Financials** – Moved to item Ic.
- b. Approve Certified Contract** – Tabled until the March 9, 2020 board meeting.
- c. Approve Workers' Competition Settlement** – Resolved
- d. Approve Field Trip**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande presented a field trip for high school students to travel to Italy (Mulan, Venice, Rome) in April of 2021. The cost to students is \$3,550.

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Ziobro to approve the field trip to Italy as presented. John Ziobro would like to know what the insurance covers in the event the trip needs to be cancelled. Melissa Bavaro-Grande will look into what the insurance covers and report back to the board. Bob Ravens-Seger withdrew his motion. The item was tabled until the March 9, 2020 board meeting.

**V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- a. Approve Graduation Date**
- b. Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities **FIRST READ****
- c. Approve Policy 5144.4**
- d. Approve Policy 5145.511**
- e. Approve Policy 6159**
- f. Approve Field Trip**

**VI. Comments from Visitors - None**

**VII. Executive Session – Pending Claims *Workers' Compensation Settlement*) - Resolved**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

*These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.*