

**East Granby Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Welsh (7:02)
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Karey Pond
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro
Mr. John Ziobro
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Michele Holt (7:30)

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Roger LaFleur, Construction Solutions Group, LLC
24 Visitors

Board Members Absent:

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Vice Chairperson Bob Ravens-Seger called the special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Close Out Roof Projects

Due to technical difficulties, the discussion took place later in the meeting.

b. Capital Plan

The facilities sub-committee met to discuss five-year capital plan items. The information from the meeting was shared with board members and items were added to the capital plan. Items included middle/high school carpet replacement, repairs to stairs and sidewalks at the high school, repointing, waterproofing and painting the upper wall of the roof area at the middle school, replacing concrete flooring located at the northwest exit of Carl Allgrove School, and camera upgrades for the district. Some items were deferred due to cost. Removing technology equipment from the capital plan and placing it in the operating budget was suggested.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. New Hire – Grade 5 Teacher

Shannon Lavariere was hired as the new grade 5 teacher. Shannon is due to start her new position no later than October 22, 2020.

b. Update – Return to School

The district will be moving from a hybrid model to full in-person learning beginning October 13, 2020; however, the state will allow full distance learning as an option for parents. Melissa appreciates and respects the guidance and recommendations from local health and safety professionals. Their information helps her make these difficult decisions.

c. Athletics

East Granby spectators are allowed to attend at-home games; each family will be given two tickets. We will have site facilitators and make adjustments as needed. Football will not be played this year.

d. COVID19 Related Expenses

Raymond Engle reviewed the breakdown of COVID19 related expenses that the district incurred since March 2020. Most of the purchases have been made except for additional disposable mask for adults; personnel costs are ongoing. Raymond anticipates a grant reimbursement of \$116,000. The board is hopeful that the Board of Finance will approve their request to deposit \$339,600 from FY 2020 into the non-lapsing fund and earmarking the money for COVID19 related expenses.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Closing Out Roof Projects

Roger LaFleur and the superintendent will file the paperwork required by the state to close out the roof projects once the board approves closing out the projects.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by John Corcoran for the East Granby Board of Education to accept State Project No. 140-0031 RR, for the East Granby Middle/High School Roof Replacement project as complete. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by John Corcoran for the East Granby Board of Education to accept State Project No. 140-0032 RR, for the Carl Allgrove Elementary School Roof Replacement project as complete. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve Capital Plan

John Welsh requested striking the middle/high school gas conversion from the capital plan.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Karey Pond to approve the capital plan as amended. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve MOA Between East Granby Board of Education and East Granby Education Association During the Pandemic

John Welsh would have been more supportive if it had an economic projection.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Karey Pond to approve the MOA Between East Granby Board of Education and East Granby Education Association During the Pandemic as presented. (FOR: Bob Ravens-Seger, Bob Paskiewicz, Michele Holt, John Welsh, Karey Pond, Lynn Landolina, John Corcoran, Lucia Ziobro. ABSTAINED: John Ziobro). *Motion approved.*

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings- None

VI. Comments from Visitors

Danielle Delpha would like to know what the impact of another phase of the state opening will be before returning to full-time in person learning.

Kelly McPherson is concerned about high-risk students that have no choice but to stay home and how it will affect their learning.

Jeff Darmetko is concerned about the 3-foot distance rule and hopes there is a way to accommodate students with medical conditions to maintain a distance of 6 feet.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by John Corcoran to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk