

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 26, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mr. John Ziobro
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro
Mrs. Karey Pond
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. John Corcoran

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Bob McGrath, Principal of Carl Allgrove School
Marsie Luckenbach, Principal of R.D. Seymour School
14 Visitors

Board Members Absent:

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** - None
- b. **Comments from visitors regarding agenda items** - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Non-lapsing Fund Request to BOF

The Board of Finance (BOF) approved a one-time transfer of \$339,600 to the BOE non-lapsing fund in accordance with State statute 10-248a. The funds will be used for COVID19 related expenses. In addition, the BOE expects to return \$100,000 to the town.

b. 5 Year Plan Update

The BOF requested that the BOE include fiscal year 2025-2026 to the 5 year capital plan.

Bob Paskiewicz shared that he visited R.D. Seymour School to see the size of the classrooms and he commented that everything seemed normal and everyone looked happy to be back to school.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Grade 4 Class Sizes

In order to determine what our in-person grade 4 class sizes would look like, the nine distance learners in grade 4 were contacted. The families were asked if they would consider having their student return to school in person if we have four sections and/or more space between students. Melissa Bavaro-Grande shared the results. Grade 4 class sizes will remain at 17-18-19.

b. Hire (Allgrove Remote)

Joseph Esposito was hired as a full-time remote teacher for grades K-2. He will work with 21 distance learners teaching them reading, writing, and mathematics.

IV. Recommended Actions - None

V. Comments from Visitors

Sara Payette commented that she is concerned when one student is told to quarantine and their sibling is allowed to return to school. Melissa Bavaro-Grande explained that only close contact individuals are asked to quarantine. The Department of Public Health considers a close contact

as someone who was within 6 feet of a person with COVID19 for more than 15 minutes. A contact of a close contact is not considered a close contact. Amanda Cormier commented that it would be concerning if several grade 4 distance learners returned to school in person and they are all in the same classroom.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Ziobro to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.