

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, November 23, 2020**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
126 Visitors

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Corcoran

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Additions to Agenda - None

b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – Bob Paskiewicz read several emails he and the superintendent received prior to the meeting; many of them expressed their support for in-person learning. The emails will be filed and posted on the district website. Seven visitors made comments at the meeting.

II. Chairperson’s Report

a. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2021

Michele Holt asked if the dates in the summer are placeholders and can be appropriately revised and questioned the one meeting scheduled for the month of April.

III. Superintendent’s Report

a. School Year Calendar 2021-2022

Bob Ravens-Seger inquired if the number of teacher in-service days was comparable to prior years and asked the superintendent to clarify the plan for snow days this winter. A correspondence addressing snow days was sent to families and staff on October 28, 2020. At this point, East Granby Public School will continue with traditional practices of late openings, early closings, and snow days that will be made up at the end of the 2021 school year.

b. School Update

Melissa Bavaro-Grande reported that she is in constant contact with the Farmington Valley Health Department and is following their guidance and recommendations. She also refers to school health metrics, performs contact tracing, talks with other superintendents, puts the health and safety of students and staff first, and listens to concerns in the school community. Schools are safe and are not the spreaders. Melissa recommended continuing in-person learning with the exception of Wednesdays; she proposed full remote learning for all students on Wednesdays. This would provide teachers time for planning and to work with distance learners and students who are absent or quarantined. A start date has not been determined. Melissa will give families time to plan before it goes into effect.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2021

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the Board of Education 2021 Meeting Calendar as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve School Year Calendar 2021-2022

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar as presented. *Motion approved unanimously*

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings - None

VI. Comments from Visitors - None

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Lucia Ziobro, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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