

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, February 8, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro (7:03)
Mr. John Ziobro (7:03)
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Karey Pond

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Erin Russell, Student Representative
Bob McGrath, Allgrove Principal
Donna Mattera, Visitor
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Russell, J., Visitor
B. Jones, Visitor
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor
Hillery, Visitor
Kevin, Visitor

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. Approve minutes from the January 11, 2021 regular meeting, the January 13, 2021 budget workshop, and the January 25, 2021 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the January 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the January 13, 2021 budget workshop minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele Holt, John Welsh, Lynn Landolina, John Ziobro, Lucia Ziobro. ABSTAINED: John Corcoran) *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to approve the January 25, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approve unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Erin Russell reported on fundraisers, Martin Luther King Day and Black History month celebrations and activities held at Carl Allgrove School and R.D. Seymour School. She announced the names of students that received student of the month for both the middle and high school and reported on games and upcoming exams at the high school.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Committee Assignment and Committee Chairs

Bob Paskiewicz thanked the board members for volunteering to serve on a committee.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. School Update

Melissa Bavaro-Grande provided an update on the breakfast/lunch program, remote learning snow days, and the number of distance learners. She shared positive feedback she received regarding the remote elementary school teachers and reported that we were approved by the

state to receive \$236,000 of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding (ESSER II) to be used for COVID related expenses; it cannot supplant a current budget item.

V. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – Nothing to report at this time.
- b. **Budget** – Budget workshops are scheduled for February 17th, 22nd and March 2nd.
- c. **Curriculum** – Bob Ravens-Seeger shared that the new K-5 art teacher is writing art curriculum; K-5 curriculum leaders are discussing reading assessments; 6-12 curriculum leaders discussed obtaining Spanish resources, NGSS in the sciences, and updating health and physical education curricula to the new state requirements.
- d. **Facilities** – Work to install the mini split units at Carl Allgrove School should be completed by early June 2021.
- e. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. **Communications** – A meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve January 2021 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the January 2021 Financials as presented. Raymond reviewed the financial summary to include COVID related expenses and ESSER II funding. He also shared the P.A. 13-60 Non Educational Cost he sent to the Board of Finance. Bob Paskiewicz and Michele Holt asked questions regarding transportation expenses and John Ziobro asked questions related to transportation, fuel, and public/private school.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Nothing at this time.

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made John Corcoran, seconded by Michele Holt to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.