

East Granby Board of Education
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, May 10, 2021

Board Members Present (via Zoom):

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

Board Members Absent:

Others Present (via Zoom):

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Liddy Doyle, Teacher/Presenter
Kathy Iwanicki, Teacher/Presenter
Olivia Petersen, Teacher/Presenter
Kashema Jennings, Counselor/Presenter
Erin Russell, Student Representative
Matthew Fortier, Student Representative
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Patrick Gustafson, EGHS Asst. Principal
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal
Karen Gogel, Dir. Student Support Services
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour Principal
Jim Hayden, First Selectman
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Hillery, Visitor
Joanna Taczanowsky, Visitor
Bonnie Jones, Visitor
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Donna Mattera, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Paskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

a. Approve minutes from the April 26, 2021 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Karey Pond, to approve the April 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele Holt, Karey Pond, John Welsh, Lynn Landolina, John Ziobro, Lucia Ziobro. ABSTAINED: John Corcoran).
Motion approved.

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Erin Russell described recent happenings taking place in the elementary schools including field trips, celebrating Earth Day, Chicken Soup with Rice, Teacher Appreciation Week, Reading Across America, the Kindness Chain, and upcoming testing.

Matthew Fortier reported on events at the middle and high school including field day for grade 8 students, Teacher Appreciation Week, AP Exams, the bonfire, and athletic games.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. CABA Student Award

Bob Paskiewicz recognized Erin Russell and Matthew Fortier as recipients of this year's CABA Student Leadership Award.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Culture and Climate Presentation

The Culture and Climate Committee members (Liddy Doyle, Kathy Iwanicki, Olivia Petersen, and Kashema Jennings) along with Principal DeMelo, gave a presentation on school climate,

school culture, social emotional learning, equality, culturally responsive education, diversity and inclusion. They identified practices for the district and family/community engagement.

b. Student Enrollment

Melissa Bavaro-Grande provided an update on student enrollment projections for the 21-22 school year. Due to the class size guidelines, the chart represented a fourth section to grade 5 and two other grades currently on the cusp of the guidelines (grades 1 and 3); kindergarten registration is ongoing and additional Open Choice seats were allocated.

c. Retirement/20+ Dinner

This year's retirement/20+ dinner will be held on June 17, 2021. Due to COVID-19, last year's honorees as well as this year's honorees will be recognized.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve April 2021 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Michele Holt, to approve the April 2021 Financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Raymond Engle reported that he will pursue implementation of the Employee Self Service with MUNIS and that the ESSER II funding was approved. He also reported on the American Rescue Act, the on hand balance in non-lapsing funds, and preparations for fiscal yearend close outs and expenditures. Quotes for new stage curtains at Allgrove School were previously distributed to board members. Mr. Engle recommended purchasing the curtains from CT Stage Supply for \$4,999 using this year's operating funds instead of capital funds.

b. Approve CT Stage Supply Quote for New Stage Curtains at Allgrove

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Corcoran to purchase new stage curtains for Allgrove School from CT Stage Supply for \$4,999 using this year's operating funds. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele Holt, John Welsh, Karey Pond, Lynn Landolina, John Corcoran, Lucia Ziobro. ABSTAINED: John Ziobro.) *Motion approved.*

VI. Comments from Visitors

Bonnie Jones supports the Culture and Climate Committee and thanked them for their presentation.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.