

East Granby Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Board Members Present:

Bob Paskiewicz
Michele Holt
John Welsh
Kerry Pond
John Corcoran
Lynn Landolina

Board Members Absent:

Bob Ravens-Seger
Lucia Ziobro
John Ziobro

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Karen Gogel, Dir. Student Support Services
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour Principal
Jackie Facey, Seymour Secretary
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Mandi Dziejcz, Visitor
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Sara Payette, Visitor
Bonnie Jones, Visitor
Patrick McKenny, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Comments from Visitor Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz thanked the community for supporting the FY21-22 budget and the elementary schools for their virtual open house.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. "Finish Strong" End of Year Guidance

Melissa Bavaro-Grande shared highlights of the updated "Finish Strong" document published by the CSDE and the Department of Public Health regarding COVID-19 protocols and what schools can do to help finish the school year strong.

b. ARP ESSER Funds

Melissa Bavaro-Grande reported that she is currently working on the application process for Elementary and Secondary School Relief III funds (ESSER III). The funds are to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on schools. The administration is working on a plan that schools must submit before we have guidance.

c. Resignation

The superintendent read a letter from Jackie Facey, R.D. Seymour School secretary, announcing her retirement at the end of the current school year. John Welsh commented that Jackie is an asset to the East Granby community and to Seymour School and wished her well in her retirement.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Capital Request for Facilities Priorities and Upgrades

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve a capital request of \$6,118.69 to purchase a Controller for Allgrove School. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Michele Holt to approve a capital request not to exceed \$15,000 and pending an additional quote, to restore the high school men's and women's locker room floors. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve a capital request of \$8,965 for tennis courts maintenance. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Close Out Capital Accounts

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Karey Pond to approve closing out capital accounts as presented and returning \$6,987.32 to the Town. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Accept Resignation

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Karey Pond to accept, with regret, the retirement of Jackie Facey. *Motion accepted unanimously.*

d. Approve Superintendent's Contract – See below.

V. Agenda for Future Meetings

a. ARP ESSER: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

VI. Comments from Visitors – None

VII. Executive Session – Discuss Superintendent's Contract

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to enter into executive session. The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande to attend. *Motion approved unanimously.*

The board enter into executive session at 7:41 p.m. Present: Bob Paskiewicz, Michele Holt, John Welsh, John Corcoran, Lynn Landolina, Karey Pond, and Melissa Bavaro-Grande.

The board returned to regular session at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the superintendent's contract as discussed. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion made by John Corcoran, seconded by Lynn Landolina to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The special meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk