

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, June 14, 2021**

Board Members Present (via Zoom):

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. John Ziobro
Mrs. Lucia Ziobro
Mr. John Corcoran

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Karey Pond
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seeger
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

Others Present (via Zoom):

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Ray Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal (7:43)
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services
Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Patrick McKenney, Visitor
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Nerim Kuqi, Visitor
Marissa Boehm, Visitor
Jeffrey Hecht, Visitor
Steve M., Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the May 10, 2021 regular meeting and the May 26, 2021 special meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Ziobro to approve the May 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Welsh to approve the May 26, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Michele Holt, John Welsh. ABSTAINED: Lucia Ziobro, John Ziobro, and John Corcoran). *Motion approved.*

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz thanked Mark's Auto Parts & Recycling for providing a venue for graduation and he thanked the staff and families of East Granby Public Schools for helping make our schools safe this past year.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. New Hires

The new high school science teacher is Nathan Reynolds.

b. Student Enrollment Update

Kindergarten through grade 5 enrollment numbers are holding steady. An increase is anticipated over the summer months.

c. End of the Year Update

The superintendent provided an update on the number of students learning at home (remotely) and end of the year activities.

d. 2021-2022 Reopening Plan

Melissa Bavaro-Grande shared the highlights and protocols of the 2021-2022 school reopening plan. The district will follow guidelines from our local health authority and the state of Connecticut in regards to masks and other COVID-19 precautions and amend mask requirements as guidelines change. The district will continue to use multiple ways to communicate and to allow for public comment. The plan will be posted on our website.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – Nothing to report.
- b. **Budget** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Curriculum** – A number of teachers will be writing curriculum over the summer.
- d. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report
- e. **Facilities** – Nothing to report.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve May 2021 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the May 2021 Financials as presented. Raymond Engle reported on the Munis Employee Self Service implementation process, the ESSER II funding, which needs to be expended by September 30, 2023, the American Rescue Act, the current balance in the non-lapsing fund, and preparations for fiscal year end closeouts and expenditures. At this time, we expect to return \$75,000 to \$100,000 to the town. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings - None

VII. Comments from Visitors

John and Lucia Ziobro resigned from the Board of Education because they will no longer be residents of East Granby. They thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on the board and thanked the board members, Melissa Bavaro-Grande, and Raymond Engle for their hard work and dedication to the students, staff, and parents in the community. They also shared their disappointments. Lucia's hope is that future goals of East Granby remain to educate, lead, and prepare children to be strong citizens. Bob Paskiewicz thanked John and Lucia for their contributions. John Welsh thanked them for their efforts, and Melissa Bavaro-Grande appreciated and thanked them for their perspectives. Nerim Kuqi asked about mask requirements for students next fall. Bob Paskiewicz replied that we will follow a plan that is safe.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Ziobro, seconded by Lucia Ziobro to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk