

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, June 28, 2021**

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**Board Members Present (via Zoom):**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mr. John Welsh (left 7:28/returned 7:36)  
Mr. John Corcoran  
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seeger  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina  
Mrs. Karey Pond  
Mrs. Michele Holt

**Others Present (via Zoom):**

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services  
Ricky Bortz, Visitor  
Robert Loomis, Visitor  
Amanda Cormier, Visitor  
Patrick Mckenney, Visitor

**Board Members Absent:**

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**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. **Additions to the Agenda** – An amendment was made to item III.d. to reflect Business Insurance Update not Health Insurance Update.
- b. **Comments from visitors regarding agenda items** - None

**II. Chairperson's Report**

**a. Introduce Prospective New Board Members**

Bob Paskiewicz introduced Ricky Bortz and Robert Loomis. Both men were recommended by the Republican Town Committee to represent them on the Board of Education. The prospective new board members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and answer questions from other board members. Ricky Bortz would love to give more opportunities to students and Robert Loomis commented that school enables students to find what they like to do and do it well.

**b. Capital Plan**

The facilities sub-committee will meet on July 6, 2021 to consider future capital plan items. The capital plan will be presented to the Board of Finance at their September 21, 2021 meeting.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

**a. School Re-Opening Plan Update**

So far, no changes were made to the re-opening plan. We will wait to see what happens next month. The plan is posted on the district website and there is a dedicated email address for questions and comments.

**b. New Hires**

Deanna Sokola was hired as a special education teacher at R.D. Seymour School and Joseph Esposito was hired as a grade 5 teacher at R.D. Seymour School. We are in the process of hiring an additional .6 speech and language therapist.

**c. Free Federal Food Program SY 21-22**

Our partnership with Granby Public Schools to participate in the free Federal Food Program can be extended to the 21-22 school year if we abide by the federal food guidelines, have a Wellness Policy in place, and sign the Guidance for the Full-service Interschool Agreement.

**d. Business Insurance Update**

Raymond Engle met with our broker and negotiated an agreement with better coverage and a net savings.

#### **IV. Recommended Actions**

##### **a. Approve New Board Members**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to appoint Ricky Bortz to fill a board vacancy until the next general election. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Karey Pond to table the motion to appoint Robert Loomis to fill a board vacancy until we know more about Mr. Loomis. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele Holt, Lynn Landolina, John Welsh, and Karey Pond. OPPOSED: John Corcoran). *Motion approved.*

##### **b. Accept Granby Wellness Policy SY 21-22**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Michele Holt to accept Granby Public Schools' Wellness Policy for the 2021-2022 school year. *Motion approved unanimously.*

##### **c. Accept Interschool Food Agreement**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by John Corcoran to accept the Interschool Food Agreement. *Motion approved unanimously.*

#### **V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

##### **a. Portrait of a Graduate**

##### **b. Appoint New Board Member**

##### **c. Capital Plan**

#### **VI. Comments from Visitors – None**

#### **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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

*These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.*