

**The East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, July 12, 2021**

Board Members Present (via Zoom):

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Karey Pond
Mr. Ricky Bortz (left at 8pm)

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger

Others Present (via Zoom):

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services
Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director
Patrick McKenney, Visitor
Nadine Lemire, Visitor
Robert Loomis, Visitor
Eden Wimpfheimer, Visitor
Jim L., Visitor
Lisa Griffin, Visitor
Amanda Cormier, Visitor
Jim Grenon-Francoline, Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor
Marka, Visitor
Arthur's iPhone, Visitor
Donna Mattera (8:10)

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 June 14, 2021 and the June 28, 2021 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the June 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, John Welsh, John Corcoran, Karey Pond, and Michele Holt. ABSTAINED: Ricky Bortz and Lynn Landolina). **Motion approved.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the June 28, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Prospective New Board Member

Robert Loomis and board members had the opportunity to speak and ask questions. The Board of Education (BOE) will have several vacancies available this November if there are any Republicans interested in serving on the BOE.

b. Capital Plan

The facilities sub-committee assessed capital plan needs at their July 6, 2021 meeting. The five-year capital plan will be presented to the Board of Finance (BOF) September 2021.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on Year End Financials

Raymond Engle reviewed the June 2021 financial summary and highlighted the June and July 2021 financial spreadsheets. At this time, the estimate for our year-end budget balance is expected to be approximately \$60,000 but could fluctuate based upon our close out.

b. Proper Disposal of Old Athletic Uniforms

The high school has old athletic uniforms in storage that need board approval before they can be donated or discarded.

c. RFP for Athletic Field Consultant

Due to the range of athletic field issues discussed at the facilities sub-committee meeting on July 6, 2021, the need to hire an Athletic Field consultant was recommended. Board members commented on the components of the RFP, what the consultant should provide in the plan, as well as community involvement, and shared services.

d. Resignations

The following resignations were received: Timothy Granger (High School Math Teacher), Ryan Aeschliman, Mariah Peck, and Thomara Powell-Brown (Paraprofessionals).

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – Melissa would like to bring two bids to revamp the policy manual to the board for approval.
- b. Budget** – Nothing to report.
- c. Curriculum** – Teachers are working on summer curriculum writing for Elementary Technology and Coding, AP Computer Science, and English Language Arts for grades K-5 and 9-12.
- d. Negotiations** – Nothing to report.
- e. Facilities** – Previously discussed.
- f. Communications** – A meeting will be scheduled soon.

V. Agenda items for Future Meetings

- a. Portrait of a Graduate**
- b. Student Enrollment**
- c. Prospective New Board Member**

VI. Comments from Visitors

Jim Grenon-Francoline and Jim L. both spoke in favor of Robert Loomis to serve as the new board member for the Republican Party.

VII. Recommended Actions

a. Approve New Board Member

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by John Welsh, to approve Robert Loomis to serve as a member on the Board of Education until November 2021. (FOR: John Corcoran and John Welsh. OPPOSED: Michele Holt, Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, and Karey Pond. ABSENT: Ricky Bortz). *Motion failed.*

b. Approve Proper Disposal of Old Athletic Uniforms

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Karey Pond to approve the proper disposal of old athletic uniforms. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve RFP for Athletic Field Consultant

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Michele Holt to create a RFP for an athletic field consultant incorporating the comments and conditions made by BOE members in items IIIC and VIIc. *Motion approved unanimously.*

d. Accept Resignations

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran to accept, with regret, the resignations of Timothy Granger, Ryan Aeschliman, Mariah Peck and Thomara Powell-Brown. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VIII. Executive Session – Discussion of Potential Purchase of Real Estate for Possible District Use

(Executive Session, if required, is held in accordance with General Statutes §§ 1-200(6), 1-225(e), and 1-231.)

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase of real estate for possible district use. The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Raymond Engle, and Karen Gogel to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Present: Bob Paskiewicz, Michele Holt, John Welsh, Lynn Landolina, Karey Pond, John Corcoran, Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Raymond Engle, and Karen Gogel.

The potential purchase of real estate for possible district use was discussed in detail.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by John Welsh to returned to regular session. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline Michele Holt
Board Clerk Board Secretary

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.