

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, July 26, 2021**

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**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mrs. Michele Holt  
Mr. John Welsh  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina  
Mr. John Corcoran  
Mr. Ricky Bortz

**Board Members Absent:**

Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger

**Others Present:**

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal  
Marsie Luckenbach, R.D. Seymour School Principal  
Robert Loomis, Visitor  
Marka, Visitor  
Eden Wimpfheimer, Visitor  
Arthur Reardon, Visitor  
Amanda Cormier, Visitor  
Chrissy Leadbeater, Visitor  
Becky Hayes, Visitor  
Hillery Lundell, Visitor  
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor  
Patrick McKenney, Visitor  
L. Griffin, Visitor

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

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

**a. Additions to the Agenda** - None

**b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items** - None

**II. Chairperson's Report**

**a. Board Member Resignation**

Karey Pond submitted her letter of resignation to the Town Clerk effective immediately.

**b. Prospective New Board Member**

Arthur Reardon volunteered to serve on the Board of Education; he was not nominated by the Republic Town Committee. Amanda Cormier was nominated by the Democratic 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 board members.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Portrait of a Graduate**

Principal DeMelo presented an overview on the important steps, key components of the process, and foundational elements of the East Granby High School/East Granby Public Schools Portrait of a Graduate and connecting the Board of Education objectives listed in policy 5010 and the EGHS student learning expectations to Portrait of a Graduate.

**b. Student Enrollment Update**

We project to have 10 sections at Allgrove and 11 sections at Seymour for 2021-2022. We currently have 60 kindergarteners enrolled but can anticipate a few more over the summer. We have allocated additional Open Choice seats for 21-22.

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

The Connecticut State Department of Health and the CSDE provided guidance to schools today. After the upcoming meeting with the Farmington Valley Health Department, Melissa will send a letter to staff and families outlining what was shared.

**d. New Hires**

Sara Payette was hired as a paraprofessional and Kelly Zils was hired as a grade 6 special education teacher.

#### **IV. Recommended Action**

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

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to approve Arthur Reardon to fill a board vacancy until the next election. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve Amanda Cormier to fill a board vacancy until the next election. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

#### **V. Comments from Visitors - None**

#### **VI. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

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