

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 27, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seeger
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. Arthur Reardon
Mr. John Corcoran

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Welsh

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Marjorie Light, PD/Curriculum Director
Karen Gogel, Special Education Director
Marsie Luckenbach, Principal Seymour School
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor
Mark Andrews, Visitor
Robert Loomis, Visitor
Mandi Dziejczak, Visitor
Sara Payette, Visitor
Hillary Lundell, Visitor
413-685-5024, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. Policy Committee Chair

Postponed until the conclusion of the November 2, 2021 elections.

b. Facilities Committee Chair

Postponed until the conclusion of the November 2, 2021 elections. Bob Paskiewicz will schedule a facilities sub-committee meeting.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Eagle Scout Project Completion

Melissa Bavaro-Grande thanked Nathaniel Swanson, grade 11, for constructing a Gaga Ball Pit for the high school for his Eagle Scout project.

b. PDEC

Marjorie Light shared the teacher evaluation option offered by the state and the professional development days for 2022-2023 recommended by the Professional Development Evaluation Committee (PDEC).

c. COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy

Melissa Bavaro-Grande reviewed the COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing policy required by Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 13G ("Protection of Public Health and Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic – Vaccination Requirements for State Employees, School Staff, and Child Care Worker".)

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Accept Teacher Evaluation Flexibility Option

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Arthur Reardon to accept the state guidelines for teacher observations for 2021-2022 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Accept 2022-2023 School Calendar

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve a provisional calendar as presented.

Bob Paskiewicz recommended tabling the motion.

Michele Holt and Amanda Cormier withdrew their motions.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Amanda Cormier to table the motion. **Motion approved unanimously.**

c. Accept COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Policy

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Bob Paskiewicz to accept the COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Policy as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele, Holt, Amanda Cormier, Lynn Landolina, Ricky Bortz, and John Corcoran. ABSTAINED: Arthur Reardon). **Motion approved.**

V. Executive Session – Personnel Matter – Employee Status

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Corcoran to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter – Employee Status. The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande to attend. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:35 pm.

In attendance: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele, Holt, Amanda Cormier, Lynn Landolina, Ricky Bortz, John Corcoran, Arthur Reardon, and Melissa Bavaro-Grande.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:58 pm.

VI. 1.0 FTE Student Support Personnel

Melissa presented the need to hire 1.0 FTE student support personnel.

VII. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Hiring 1.0 FTE Student Support Personnel

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Michele Holt to approve hiring 1.0 FTE student support personnel for a three year term using ESSER funds. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar

b. October 1, 2021 Enrollment Data

IX. Comments from Visitors - None

X. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Amanda Cormier to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Holt
Board Secretary