

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. John Corcoran

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Nathaniel Swanson, Student Representative
Samantha Kovaleski, Student Representative
Robert McGrath, Allgrove Principal
Karen Gogel, Director Student Support Services
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour Principal
Jennifer Kovaleski, Visitor
Ken Kovaleski, Visitor
Tina Lengyel, Visitor
Becky Hayes, Visitor
Joanna Taczanowsky, Visitor
B. Jones, Visitor
Jessica Aniskoff, Visitor
Hillery Lundell, Visitor

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. Approve minutes from the September 7, 2021 special meeting, the September 13, 2021 and September 27, 2021 regular meetings, and the September 29, 2021 special meeting

MOTION: a motion was made Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Ricky Bortz to approve the September 7, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seeger, John Welsh, Ricky Bortz, Arthur Reardon, and Amanda Cormier. ABSTAINED: Lynn Landolina.) *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the September 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seeger, John Welsh, Ricky Bortz, Arthur Reardon, and Amanda Cormier. ABSTAINED: Lynn Landolina.) *Motion approved.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the September 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seeger, seconded by Arthur Reardon to approve the September 29, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Nathaniel Swanson and Samantha Kovaleski, introduced themselves to board members. Nathaniel reported on events, happenings, and celebrations taking place in the elementary schools. Samantha announced the students of the month at the middle school and high school. She also reported on clubs, sports, new subjects, class officers, and other events taking place.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz hopes to hold in-person meetings starting October 25, 2021. The Board of Finance (BOF) reviewed the capital plan at their September 21, 2021 meeting and the BOF is looking to increase the threshold of \$5,000. The facilities committee will review the plan and discuss using non-lapsing funds for projects that need to be done sooner rather than later. Bob thanked Alicea VanNeil for supporting afterschool clubs at the middle school.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. October 1, 2021 Student Enrollment Data

Melissa shared the student enrollment numbers for October 1, 2021 and answered questions from board members. The current enrollment is 852 and includes 52 Open Choice students.

b. Transportation/Impact on Athletics

The nationwide bus driver shortage has not impacted our regular bus routes only our after school athletic events. Problems, solutions, and options were discussed and shared.

c. Budget Process

The business manager sent budget forms and other relative information to the principals and secretaries. Budget workshops will be scheduled once the BOF schedule is available.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – A policy sub-committee meeting was scheduled for October 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm.
- b. Budget** – Previously discussed.
- c. Curriculum** – Nothing to report at this time.
- d. Facilities** – Bob Paskiewicz will schedule a meeting.
- e. Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. Communications** – Lynn Landolina will schedule a meeting for November.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve September 2021 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Arthur Reardon to approve the September 2021 Financials as presented. Ray Engle provided an update on the Munis Employee Self Service system, the year-end audit, the year-end budget balance for FY 21, and the Education Finance System. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Approve Field Trip

Melissa Bavaro-Grande presented a field trip for the junior and senior class to travel to Salem, Massachusetts on October 25, 2021.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Arthur Reardon, to approve the field trip to Salem, Massachusetts October 25, 2021 as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Arthur Reardon, seconded by Bob Ravens-Seger to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.