

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, November 8, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Bob Ravens-Seger
Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Arthur Reardon
Mr. Robert Loomis

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Lynn Landolina
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
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services
Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum and PD
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Patrick Gustafson, EGHS Assistant Principal
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal
Marsie Luckenbach, R.D. Seymour School Principal
Robert McGrath, Carl Allgrove School Principal
Bill George, IT Specialist
William Pitney, Visitor
Jim Grenon-Francoline, Visitor
Jennifer Kovaleski, Visitor
Kenneth Kovaleski, 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 October 12, 2021 and October 25, 2021 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Michele Holt, to approve the October 12, 2021 and the October 25, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None

II. Student Representatives Report

Samantha Kovaleski reported on middle and high school events including sports, Spirit Week, Trunk or Treat, students of the month, the Veterans Day Parade, the Talk Turkey Drive, and clubs. Nathaniel Swanson shared happenings at the elementary school including testing, field trips, a school assembly, the weather unit, the Kindness Brigade, PTO ice-cream days, and the Veterans Day Parade. Nathaniel ended his report by announcing that R.D. Seymour School ranked in the top 30% as one of the Best Elementary Schools in Connecticut by U.S. News.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz welcomed new board members.

a. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2022

Michele Holt volunteered to help GCTV write a grant to get the equipment needed to hold hybrid meetings in the future.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Performance Presentation

Karen Gogel reported on growth measures, the annual performance report, and focus areas for special education. Bob McGrath presented Reading benchmark scores and Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments for Carl Allgrove School. Marsie Luckenbach and Timothy Phelan shared Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) results, Areas of Focus, and Next Generation Science Standards for R.D. Seymour School and the East Granby Middle School. Antonio DeMelo reported on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and Next Generation Science Standards test results, Advanced Placement test results, and Areas of Focus for East Granby High School. Marjorie Light ended the presentation by sharing Sources of Assessment Data, Professional Learning and Collaboration, Curriculum and Instruction Highlights for 2021-22, and Curriculum Focus for 2021-2022.

V. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – Nothing to report at this time.
- b. **Budget** – Nothing to report at this time.
- c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report at this time.
- d. **Facilities** – There was a power outage at the middle/high school earlier today.
- e. **Negotiations** – John Welsh is optimistic that noncertified staff negotiations will be starting within the next couple of weeks. Due to the departure of the John and Lucia Ziobro and Karey Pond, John Welsh and Lynn Landolina are the only members on the committee. Board members interested in joining the committee were asked to see John Welsh.
- f. **Communications** – The committee would like to schedule a meeting for November 15, 2021.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve October 2021 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the October 2021 financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Raymond Engle provided an update on the Employee Self Service System, internal processes, the Education Finance System, the start of the 2022-23 budget process, termination of agreement with Terminix, the awarding of a \$135,000 grant through the Federal Government as part of the “Emergency Connectivity Fund, and budget items to watch.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2022

VIII. Comments from Visitors – Mr. Pitney commented that Covid has hit the district hard as seen in the student performance presentation and asked what directly is going to be done for the students to correct it.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Michele Holt, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.