

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, December 13, 2021**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Samantha Kovaleski, Student Representative
Nathaniel Swanson, Student Representative
Marjorie Light, Curriculum/PD Director
Michael Pasqua, Athletic Director (7:40)

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the November 8, 2021 and the November 22, 2021 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the November 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran, to approve the November 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Ravens-Seger, Michele Holt, Amanda Cormier, Arthur Reardon, Robert Loomis, and John Corcoran. ABSTAINED: John Welsh). *Motion approved.*

b. Additions to Agenda – Items IVd and VIb were removed from the agenda

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None

II. Student Representatives Report

Nathaniel Swanson informed board members on activities and events taking place in the elementary schools including food drives, guest speakers, and fundraisers. Samantha Kovaleski reported on happenings in the middle and high school including Thrilla on the Hilla, athletics, clubs, students of the month, the spring play, concerts, and fundraisers.

III. Chairperson's Report

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Recognition

Bob Ravens-Seger was presented with a plaque in recognition for his nine years of service on the Board of Education.

b. K-5 Mathematics Curriculum

Marjorie Light, along with teachers, looked at K-5 math programs to ensure the district is using the best for the needs our students. Overwhelmingly, i-Ready Mathematics curriculum was preferred. Marjorie Light highlighted what the online program provides and encouraged board members to visit i-Ready online to see how it works.

c. Auditors' Report

The auditors made two recommendations. One involved grants and the other was student accounts. Both recommended changes were made.

d. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2022 – This item was removed from the agenda.

e. High School Activities (Canton Boys Co-Op Tennis and CIAC Winter Guidance)

Melissa reported on key items of the CIAC Winter Guidance and the two conditions the board of education has control over; guidance and the number of spectators. Board members expressed their concerns on the consistency of mask wearing. It was suggested to hold a special meeting to further discuss the CIAC Winter Guidance.

Several high school boys are interested in playing tennis but we do not have a boys tennis team so Melissa recommended we join a co-op with Canton. The pay to participate fee established by the Board of Education and paid to East Granby Public Schools will be forwarded to the host co-op school. Board members discussed changing the language in the agreement regarding student athletes traveling to and from Canton.

V. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – Nothing to report.
- b. **Budget** – Administrators submitted their budget requests and we are in the process of entering the budgets at this time.
- c. **Curriculum** – Previously discussed.
- d. **Facilities** – A meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2022.
- e. **Negotiations** – The committee met on December 1, 2021 to discuss initial proposals. They are trying to schedule a time to meet with the noncertified union representatives.
- f. **Communications** – Michele Holt suggested keeping the community updated during the budget process.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve November 2021 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the November 2021 Financial Report as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Raymond provided an update on the Munis Employee Self Service portal and automated purchasing process. The Education Finance System has been completed with all changes and we have instituted a bi-monthly reconciliation process for grants. We are watching our current spending due to inflationary items that may impact the budget.

b. Approve Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2022 – This item was removed from the agenda.

c. Approve Canton Boys Co-Op Tennis

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Arthur Reardon to approve the Canton Boys Co-Op Tennis as amended. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda items for Future Meeting

- a. **NESDEC Projection Enrollment Update**
- b. **CIAC Winter Guidance**

VIII. Comments from Visitors

On behalf of Bob Paskiewicz and herself, Melissa thanked Arthur Reardon for filling a board vacancy the last few months and wished everyone a safe, happy, holiday season.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk