

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, January 10, 2022**

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**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mr. John Welsh  
Mrs. Michele Holt  
Mr. John Corcoran  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina  
Mrs. Amanda Cormier  
Mr. Ricky Bortz  
Mr. Robert Loomis  
Mr. Mark Andrews

**Others Present:**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Samantha Kovaleski, Student Representative  
Jen Kovaleski, Visitor

**Board Members Absent:**

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

With a quorum present, Superintendent Melissa Bavaro-Grande, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**a. Approve Minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting and the December 20, 2021 special meeting**

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh to approve the December 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the December 20, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. John Corcoran requested that separate motions be made. John Welsh withdrew his motion.

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the December 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the December 20, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, John Welsh, Michele Holt, Amanda Cormier, Robert Loomis, Mark Andrews. ABSTAINED: Lynn Landolina, John Corcoran, and Ricky Bortz). *Motion approved.*

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

**c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None**

**II. Board Elections**

**a. Elect Board Officers 2022**

*MOTION:* a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina nominating Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson.

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to close nominations.

The board voted unanimously (9-0) to close nominations and voted unanimously (9-0) in favor of Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson. *Motions approved unanimously.*

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina nominating Michele Holt as Board Vice Chairperson.

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to close nominations.

The board voted unanimously (9-0) to close nominations and voted unanimously (9-0) in favor of Michele Holt as Board Vice Chairperson. *Motions approved unanimously.*

*MOTION:* a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Amanda Cormier nominating Lynn Landolina as Board Secretary.

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to close nominations.

The board voted unanimously (9-0) to close nominations and voted unanimously (9-0) in favor of Lynn Landolina as Board Secretary. *Motions approved unanimously.*

**III. Student Representative's Report**

Happenings at Carl Allgrove School included a special guest, recycling awareness, true-life stores, and grade level assemblies. R.D. Seymour School students participated in an art museum walk, and MAPS testing. Reporting for the middle and high school included recognizing students of the month, invention convention, magazine club, sports, mid-terms, and caroling at Bradley International Airport by the chorus.

#### IV. Chairperson's Report

##### a. Committee Assignments 2022

Board members were invited to email Bob Paskiewicz the committee(s) they would like to serve on. John Welsh shared information about replacing our policies with model policies from Shipman and Goodwin and announced that he would be stepping down from the policy committee when new volunteers pledge to serve on the committee.

Bob Paskiewicz welcomed returning board member, Ricky Bortz, and new member, Mark Andrews.

#### V. Superintendent's Report

##### a. Retirement

Social Studies teacher, Robert Tonino, submitted his letter indicating he will retire at the end of this school year.

##### b. 2022-2023 Budget Timeline and Process

Melissa shared important dates. Budget workshops will be held on January 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm and January 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

##### c. CABE Board Orientation February 7, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Melissa reminded board members about the upcoming board orientation.

#### VI. Committee Reports

a. **Policy** – Previously discussed.

b. **Budget** – Previously discussed.

c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report at this time.

d. **Facilities** – Ricky Bortz shared what was discussed at the facilities meeting held on January 5, 2022. Bob Paskiewicz reviewed the list of work completed and being completed.

e. **Negotiations** – The sub-committee met with board council to put together an initial package. A meeting with the noncertified union representatives is scheduled for January 19, 2022.

f. **Communications** – The committee will help with the budget edition of Let's Talk Turkey.

#### VII. Recommended Actions

##### a. Approve December 2021 Financials

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the December 2021 financials as presented. Ray Engle reviewed the financial summary including the Employee Self Service System, the purchase order requisition process, the Education Finance System and inflationary items. **Motion approved unanimously.**

##### b. Accept MOU with EGEA

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to accept the MOU with the EGEA as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, John Welsh, Michele Holt, Amanda Cormier, John Corcoran, Ricky Bortz, Robert Loomis, and Mark Andrews. ABSTAINED: Lynn Landolina.) **Motion approved.**

##### c. Approve Request for Funding from Non-Lapsing Account for Controllers

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to request funding (not to exceed \$55,000) from the non-lapsing account to purchase controllers as recommended by the facilities sub-committee. **Motion approved unanimously.**

##### d. Accept Retirement

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Michele Holt to accept, with regret, the retirement of Robert Tonino. **Motion accepted unanimously.**

#### VIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

##### a. NESDEC Enrollment Report

#### IX. Comments from Visitors – None

#### X. Adjournment

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Amanda Cormier to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

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