

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, February 14, 2022**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Samantha Kovaleski, Student Representative
Nathaniel Swanson, Student Representative
David Kirschner, IT
Marjorie Light, PD/Curriculum Director
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour School Principal
Suzanne O’Conor, Visitor
Peter Ritter, Visitor
Paul Calebaugh, Visitor
Marisa Betts, Visitor
Melina Betts, Visitor
Colby Betts, Visitor
Kevin Betts, Visitor
Timothy Lloyd, Visitor
Chad Dabrowski, Visitor
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor
Ken Kovaleski, Visitor
Bill Caterino, Visitor
Charlie Passeri, Visitor
Susan DeBay, Visitor
Jason Proulx, Visitor
Erin Criscitelli, Visitor
Jeffrey Hecht, Visitor
Jim Luchina, Visitor
Tom Slavens, Visitor
Sara Payette, Visitor
Alicia VanNeil, Visitor
Glenn VanNeil, Visitor
Jessica Egan, Visitor
Morgan Egan, 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 January 10, 2022 regular meeting, the January 20, 2022 and January 24, 2022 budget workshops, the January 24, 2022 regular meeting, and the January 31, 2022 budget workshop**

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Michele Holt to approve the January 10, 2022 regular meeting, the January 20, 2022 and January 24, 2022 budget workshops, the January 24, 2022 regular meeting, and the January 31, 2022 budget workshop as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda – None

Bob Paskiewicz announced that the board received many emails, letters, and calls from the community regarding mask. Bob shared that the State Senate is voting today on whether or not to extend the governor's executive order until the end of February and that the board follows executive order; we do not have a board policy.

- c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items –** Several visitors expressed their opinion on whether or not students should continue wearing masks in school and who should be responsible for making the decision.

II. Student Representatives Report

Nathaniel Swanson reported on events taking place at the elementary schools including 100th Day of School celebrations, MAPS testing, and the Kindness Challenge. Samantha Kovaleski reported on happenings in the middle and high school including students of the month, a special community service recognition, the Snowball Dance, sports, the Dodgeball tournament, Kindness Week Challenges, and Invention Convention.

III. Chairperson's Report

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Budget Presentation 2022-2023

Melissa Bavaro-Grande explained how the budget was prepared. The presentation included budget drivers, student enrollment projections, cost avoidance, revenue, cost savings, and potential impacts.

b. Retirement

Brenda Testerman, Bookkeeper, submitted her retirement effective June 30, 2022.

c. COVID Update

Melissa shared a summary on COVID updates including the number of reported cases to the FVHD, vaccine clinics, and our COVID19 Dashboard.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy –** The sub-committee will follow up with Shipman & Goodwin about updating our board policy manual.
- b. Budget –** Previously discussed.
- c. Curriculum –** A meeting was held on February 10, 2022 to review operations of the department and review schedules for FY 21-22 and FY 22-23.
- d. Facilities –** The sub-committee will schedule a meeting.
- e. Negotiations –** The next meeting is February 16, 2022.
- f. Communications –** The sub-committee will schedule a meeting.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Accept Retirement

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to accept, with regret, the retirement of Brenda Testerman. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Adopt iReady K-5 Mathematics Program

MOTION: a motion was made by Robert Loomis, seconded by Amanda Cormier to adopt the iReady K-5 Mathematics Program. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve January 2022 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Welsh to approve the January 2022 Financials as presented. Raymond Engle reviewed the financial summary including an update on ESS, purchase order requisition processing, and budget items to watch. *Motion approved unanimously.*

d. Endorse Budget Presentation for Board of Finance Meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh to endorse the budget presentation for the Board of Finance meeting as proposed. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Nothing at this time.

VIII. Comments from Visitors – Ken Kovaleski thanked the board for considering girls' volleyball in the 22-23 budget. Jeff Darmetko asked what the protocol for administering medications to students during the school day is.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

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