

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2022**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Nathaniel Swanson, Student Representative
Samantha Kovalski, Student Representative
Tony DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Erin Russell, Presenter
Jennifer Russell, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

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.

a. Approve minutes from the March 14, 2022 and March 28, 2022 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt seconded by John Welsh, to approve the March 14, 2022 and March 28, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Robert Loomis to add item IIa Student Representative Report to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

The Athletic Fields committee will hold its first meeting on April 26, 2022. The BOE presented a 2.89% budget at the Public Hearing. The Town Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022.

a. Student Representative Reports

Nathaniel Swanson reported on elementary happenings including open house, field trips, the elementary art show, Starbase summer camp, NCSS exams, and the American Heart Association fundraiser. Samantha Kovalski reported on middle school students who advanced to the national level for Invention Convention, students of the month, the grade 8 dinner, field trips, concerts, spring sports, Capstone Projects, the Student Council Blood Drive, visiting therapy dogs, and other student achievements.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. K-5 Student Enrollment

K-5 student enrollment numbers have not changed since last reported in March.

b. Retirement /20+ Dinner

The retirement/20+ dinner will be held on May 4, 2022.

c. Resignations

Speech and Language Pathologist, Mary Drenzek, will be resigning effective May 13, 2022, and Tutor, Steve Davino will be resigning at the end of this school year.

d. Graduation

This year's graduation ceremony will take place at Dunkin Donuts Stadium on June 9, 2022.

e. EGHS Spotlight: Capstone Overview and Student Presentations

High School Principal, Tony DeMelo, provided an overview of the Capstone Program and Erin Russell presented her Capstone project, Invention Education Mentorship/Experience.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – The subcommittee now has access to the model policies for schools from Shipman and Goodwin.

b. Budget – The BOE budget was presented at the public hearing. The town meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022, and the date of the referendum is May 12, 2022.

c. Curriculum – Curriculum Director, Marjorie Light emailed a report to board members.

- d. **Facilities** – The subcommittee met and would like the BOE to request \$126,500 in capital funds from the BOF for project costs.
- e. **Negotiations** – Noncertified staff negotiations is moving along well.
- f. **Communications** – The subcommittee reviewed the district’s submission of the budget edition of Let’s Talk Turkey.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Accept Resignations

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by John Corcoran to accept, with regret, the resignations of Mary Drenzek and Steve Davino. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve March 2022 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the March 2022 Financial Report as presented. Ray Engle provided a financial update and reported that the current budget is 98% used. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve Capital Requests

MOTION: a motion was made by Michele Holt, seconded by Lynn Landolina to request capital funds from the BOF as recommended by the facilities subcommittee. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. **K-5 Student Enrollment**
- b. **Impact of Inflation**

VII. Comments from Visitors - None

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by John Welsh, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.