

**East Granby Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, May 9, 2022**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mrs. Michele Holt  
Mr. John Corcoran

**Others Present:**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal  
Dr. Sarah Faulkner, EGMS Teacher  
Renee Klucznik, EGMS Teacher  
Nathaniel Swanson, Student Representative  
Samantha Kovaleski, Student Representative  
Stephanie Clement, Student Presenter  
Genevieve Corricelli, Student Presenter  
Varshny Sriganesh, Student Presenter  
Gene Clement, Visitor  
Jackie Clement, Visitor  
Chris Clement, Visitor  
David Corricelli, Visitor  
Jacqueline Corricelli, Visitor  
Varalakshmi, Sriganesh, Visitor  
Sriganesh Chandrasekaran, Visitor  
Ken Kovaleski, Visitor  
Jennifer Kovaleski, Visitor

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

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Paskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**a. Approve minutes from the April 25, 2022 regular meeting**

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve the April 25, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Additions to Agenda - None**

**c. Comments from Visitors - None**

**II. Student Representatives Report**

Samantha Kovaleski reported on SBAC testing, concerts, eighth grade end of the year events, AP testing, band performances, end of the year events for seniors, and the students of the month for the middle and high school.

Nathaniel Swanson shared events taking place in the elementary schools including field trips, the elementary art show, the art challenge, clubs, and Heggerty Phonics curriculum.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

**a. CABA Student Award**

Bob Paskiewicz recognized Samantha Kovaleski and Nathaniel Swanson as recipients of this year's CABA Student Leadership Award.

Bob shared that the Town Referendum will be held May 12, 2022.

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

**a. EGMS Spotlight**

- **Invention Convention**

Student Genevieve Corricelli presented her invention called the ReBrace. Student Varshny Sriganesh presented her invention called the Firen. Both eighth grade students are advancing to Nationals and will be traveling to Michigan in June.

- **UCONN Writing Contest**

Seventh grade student Stephanie Clement read her platinum award winning story titled Winning My Race. Stephanie was invited to read her story at the Connecticut Student Writers Recognition Night on May 12, 2022.

- b. End of the Year Activities**

Melissa shared end of the year activities and events taking place throughout the district.

- c. Retirement** – After 23 years of service as a paraprofessional, Shellee Horner will be retiring at the end of this school year.

## V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – Nothing to report

- b. Budget** – Town Referendum is May 12, 2022

- c. Curriculum** – Nothing to report

- d. Facilities** – Bob Paskiewicz had a meeting with a selectperson to discuss Sanford Ridge and the baseball field and buses.

- e. Negotiations** – The meeting schedule is aggressive in the hopes that a final agreement will be reached by the end of this fiscal year.

- f. Communications** – A budget article was submitted to Let’s Talk Turkey and the committee wrote a message to teachers on behalf of the board members for Teacher Appreciation Week.

## VI. Recommended Actions

- a. Approve April 2022 Financials**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the April 2022 April financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Raymond Engle reviewed the financial summary and provided a list of grant item expenditures.

- b. Approve to Move LED Lighting Project to BOF for Consideration**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve to move the LED Light Project to the BOF for consideration. *Motion approved unanimously.*

- c. Accept Retirement**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to accept, with regret, the retirement of Shellee Horner. *Motion approved unanimously.*

## VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. K-5 Student Enrollment**

## VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

## IX. Adjournment

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

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