

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Ricky Bortz

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Michele Holt
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Robert Loomis

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Kieran Beman, Student Representative
Adithi Tallapaka, Student Representative
Marcie Nardi, Visitor
Melina Betts, Visitor
Nathaniel Swanson, Visitor
Brady Gill, Visitor
Jennifer Kovaleski, Visitor
Jessica Egan, Visitor
Lauren Mackinnon, Visitor
Maria Catter, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the September 12, 2022 regular meeting

The motion in item Vc should read recommend to the BOS, not the BOF.

MOTION: a motion was made Mark Andrews, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the September 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as amended. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items

The class advisors would like the date for graduation 2023 approved as soon as possible.

II. Student Representatives Report

Kieran reported on field trips, a guest author, and other events taking place in the elementary schools. Adithi announced the students of the month at the middle school and high school. Adithi also reported on field trips, fundraisers, the bonfire, Soccer Under the Lights, and other events taking place.

III. Chairperson's Report

The board is taking a proactive approach and exploring the idea of having a SRO due to external issues going on in the world.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. October 1, 2022 Student Enrollment Data

Melissa shared the student enrollment for October 1, 2022 compared to last year's October 1, 2021 enrollment. The current student enrollment is 881. Last year's enrollment was 852.

b. Budget Process

Budget workshops will be scheduled once Melissa and Ray meet with principals to discuss their building level budgets and grade level work.

c. Field Study Update

The subcommittee, consisting of Board of Education and community members, recommended posting a Request for Proposal (RFP) to elicit a response from potential vendors to perform the field study and monitor available grants.

d. HVAC Grant Update

The Department of Administrative Services announced a Connecticut Public Schools HVAC Grant Program. The deadline to submit the grant application and fee is December 1, 2022. This will be beneficial in moving forward with the HVAC replacement. The facilities subcommittee would like to recruit the help of Roger LaFleur.

e. Community Talk Series

East Granby and Granby Public Schools, in collaboration with the Farmington Valley Health District, has planned three sessions on important and relevant information commonly impacting school-aged children and adolescents. The dates include October 19, 2022, November 3, 2022, and February 7, 2023.

f. Graduation Date 2023

The board will approve a graduation date by Thanksgiving.

g. Thank You

Melissa and Bob thanked the DPW for relocating the dumpsters at the high school and extending the parking area at the middle school for the buses to park. It was a great school/town collaboration. They also thanked Douglas Comstock for donating portable automated external defibrillators to the district.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Board members will review the policy binders to determine which policies still apply.

b. Budget – Previously discussed.

c. Curriculum – Melissa provided an update on state programs.

d. Facilities – Nothing to report at this time.

e. Negotiations – Subcommittee meetings have been scheduled and mediation dates are being discussed.

f. Communications – The subcommittee would like to schedule a meeting for October 17, 2022.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Graduation Date 2023 – This item was tabled.

b. Approve September 2022 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the September 2022 Financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Recommend to Proceed with RFP for Field Study

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve generating a RFP for the field study as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

d. Approve an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000 for HVAC Grant Application

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the HVAC Grant Application fee not to exceed \$20,000. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve Graduation Date 2023

b. Update on LED Usage

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Corcoran to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.