

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, October 24, 2022**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mrs. Michele Holt  
Mr. John Corcoran  
Mr. Ricky Bortz

**Others Present:**

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Hannah Stack, Visitor  
Jennifer Kovalski, Visitor  
David Kirschner, Visitor  
Stephan Hartmann, Earthlight Technologies  
John Smith, Earthlight Technologies

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**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. **Additions to the agenda** - None
- b. **Comments from visitors regarding agenda items** - None

**II. Chairperson's Report**

The Board of Education met with the Chairperson of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) who are currently visiting the high school.

Jim Grenon-Francoline, will represent the Board of Finance at the contract negotiation meetings for certified personnel.

The Board of Finance reviewed and discussed the BoE updated capital plan at their October 18, 2022 meeting. The BoE will move forward with the HVAC grant application that can save over \$350,000. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2022.

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Bob Paskiewicz, and Eden Wimpfheimer met to discuss funding a School Resource Officer. The Board of Selectmen will meet to discuss it further.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Personnel Update**

Melissa shared positions that we are seeking to fill, employee resignations, and she introduced Hannah Stack, the new Accounts Payable Specialist for the BoE office.

**b. Earthlight Technologies**

James Smith provided an update on the LED lighting project. Stephan Hartmann presented a Solar Energy Program that included notable solar updates for 2022 and beyond, incentives, and an example of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

**IV. Recommended Actions**

**a. Approve Field Trip**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the field trip to the Fantastic Music Festival at Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts on April 28, 2023 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Approve Graduation Date 2023**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve June 14, 2023 as the Graduation Date for 2023. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**V. Agenda Items for Future Meeting**

**a. School Calendar 2023-2024**

**b. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2023**

Bob Paskiewicz clarified the difference between a scheduled regular meeting and a special meeting.

**c. Student Performance Presentation November 14, 2022**

**d. Suffield Vo-Ag Update**

**e. Earthlight Technologies**

**VI. Comments from Visitors**

Jennifer Kovaleski thanked the board members for approving a graduation date.

**VII. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Mark Andrews to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline  
Board Clerk

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