

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

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mrs. Michele Holt  
Mr. Ricky Bortz

**Others Present:**

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Kieran Beman, Student Representative  
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services  
Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum and PD  
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal  
Patrick Gustafson, EGHS Assistant Principal  
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal  
Marsie Luckenbach, R.D. Seymour School Principal  
Robert McGrath, Carl Allgrove School Principal  
Ray Carlson, Facilities Manager  
Jennifer Kovaleski, Visitor  
Jessica Egan, Visitor  
Jim Hayden, Visitor (7:37)

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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 7:04 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**a. Approve Minutes from the October 11, 2022 regular meeting, the October 18, 2022 special meeting, and the October 24, 2022 regular meeting**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 regular meeting, the October 18, 2022 special meeting, and the October 24, 2022 regular meeting as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Additions to Agenda**

John Corcoran requested adding HVAC Capital Request to the agenda. Bob Paskiewicz asked for a two-thirds approval from the board to add it to the agenda. All board members were in favor of adding Approve HVAC Capital Request to the agenda.

Bob Paskiewicz changed the order of the agenda and moved Recommended Actions under Chairperson's Report and made Approve HVAC Capital Request, item IIIf.

**c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None**

**II. Student Representatives Report**

Kieran Beman reported on school events including sports, students of the month, Veterans Day Parade, Talk Turkey Food Drive, Anti-Bullying play, therapy dogs, music festival, visiting author, and upcoming parent/teacher conferences.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

**a. Suffield Vo-Ag Update**

John Corcoran sits on the Suffield Vo-Ag advisory board along with Lisa Griffin. John shared current information regarding the program. East Granby currently has ten students attending the school.

**b. Approve October 2022 Financial Report**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the October 2022 Financial Report as presented. Ray Engle reviewed the financial summary. Topics included the Employee Self Service update, LED lighting (including a LED kwh reduction for R.D. Seymour School), the KEV online payment system, yearend audit, and M&J bus company. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**c. Approve 50% of Salary for SRO for Current Year**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Robert Loomis, seconded by John Corcoran to approve 50% of salary for a School Resource Officer for the current school year. John Welsh asked what line item would be used to cover the cost because it was not budgeted for. Melissa and Ray explained how they could utilize funds from the certified personnel line.

(FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, Amanda Cormier, John Corcoran, Mark Andrews, and Robert Loomis. OPPOSED: John Welsh.) *Motion approved.*

**d. Approve Change in Graduation Date to Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve changing the graduation date to Thursday, June 15, 2023. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**e. Approve Educational Specifications**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the Educational Specifications document for the HVAC grant due December 1, 2022. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**f. Approve HVAC Capital Request**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh that the Board of Education request that the Board of Finance consider and approve the \$825,000 expenditure required to complete the East Granby Middle/High School HVAC project and to authorize the financing of the local share of \$454,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring fund. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Personnel Update**

A position for a temporary special education teacher at the middle school was posted. We will use ESSER II Grant funds, earmarked for special education additional support, to cover the salary.

**b. Science of Reading Masterclass**

The district applied for, and was accepted into, the Science of Reading Masterclass, a professional learning series that provides individualized leadership and literacy coaching support. This is being arranged by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS). We are one of 14 districts accepted throughout the state for Masterclass, Cohort 2.

**c. Student Performance Presentation**

Bob McGrath presented Reading benchmark scores and Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments for Carl Allgrove School. Marsie Luckenbach and Timothy Phelan shared Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) results, Next Generation Science Standards, next steps, and implementation of new assessments for R.D. Seymour School and the East Granby Middle School. Antonio DeMelo reported on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Next Generation Science Standards test results, and Advanced Placement test results for East Granby High School.

**V. Committee Reports**

**a. Policy** – Nothing to report at this time.

**b. Budget** – Nothing to report at this time.

**c. Curriculum** – Previously discussed.

**d. Facilities** – Previously discussed.

**e. Negotiations** – Negotiation meetings for certified personnel are ongoing.

**f. Communications** – The subcommittee is exploring alternative ways to convey information.

**VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

**a. School Calendar 2023-24**

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

**VII. Comments from Visitors** – None

John Welsh thanked the administrators for tonight's presentation and their hard work.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by John Welsh, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline  
Board Clerk

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