

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, July 10, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh (7:06 pm)
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. Robert Loomis
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Ray Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Amanda Cormier

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the June 2, 2023 special meeting and the June 12, 2023 and June 26, 2023 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve the June 2, 2023 special meeting and the June 12, 2023 and June 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz shared the agenda for the CABA 2023 Summer Leadership Conference on August 10, 2023 and asked board members who are interested in attending to contact Lisa Kline so she can register them.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on Year End Financials

Ray Engle reviewed the yearend financial summary. The estimated remaining balance for FY23 is in the range of \$80,000. We are waiting for confirmation from two key vendors that they do not have any outstanding invoices.

b. Personal Update

Katherine Dias will be the new high school Mathematics Teacher and Jenna Lovechio will be the new Speech and Language Pathologist at Allgrove School. Shiela Brown served her letter of resignation effective November 30, 2023. Shiela is the secretary of Student Support Services and has been with the district for 18 years. She is a wonderful human being who will be greatly missed.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Lynn Landolina will reach out the subcommittee to schedule a meeting.

b. Budget – It was suggested to have an ad hoc committee take a preliminary look at the budget in preparation for the 2024-25 school year. Melissa Bavaro-Grande shared that the

noncertified contract may need to be re-examined due to the anticipated minimum wage increase effective January 2024.

- c. **Curriculum** – Robert Loomis provided a summary of recent curriculum office activities including summer curriculum writing and a Professional Learning Community initiative which will be implemented across the district.
- d. **Negotiations** – The Administrators’ Contract is the next one to be negotiated. John Welsh invited board members who have never been through the process to participate.
- e. **Facilities** – Ricky Bortz highlighted discussion from the July 6, 2023 subcommittee meeting. He would like to form a committee to handle the field irrigation and he plans on scheduling another meeting in the next week or two.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Elementary Student Enrollment Update

VI. Comments from Visitors - None

VII. Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation 2023 and Contracts 2024 and 2025

The executive session was called to order at 7:25 pm. In attendance: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, John Welsh, Lisa Griffin, Ricky Bortz, Mark Andrews, and Robert Loomis.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Robert Loomis to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s Evaluation 2023 and Contracts for 2024 and 2025 The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande. *Motion approved unanimously.*

The board returned to regular session at 8:13 pm.

VIII. Recommended Actions

- a. **Approve Superintendent’s Contracts for 2024 and 2025** – This item was tabled.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.