

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, February 13, 2023**

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**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mr. John Welsh  
Mr. John Corcoran  
Mrs. Lisa Griffin  
Mrs. Amanda Cormier  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina  
Mr. Robert Loomis  
Mr. Ricky Bortz

**Others Present:**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Raymond Engle, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Adithi Tallapaka, Student Representative  
Kieran Beman, Student Representative

**Board Members Absent:**

Mr. Mark Andrews

**Visitors:** Ray Fagnant, Suzanne O’Conor, Jackson Moore, Jacob Guilmartin, Bradley Stempeck, James Fagnant, Kyle Anthony, Laura LaFlamme, Jaime Rechenberg, Jon Rechenberg, Colin Rechenberg, Jennifer Russell, Jennifer Guilmartin, Wayne Guilmartin, Camp Copeland, John Anthony, Kerry Anthony, Rob Hayes, Taylor Hayes, and Shannon Jones

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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. Approve minutes from the January 9, 2023 special meeting, the January 10, 2023 budget workshop, and the January 31, 2023 special meeting**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2023 special meeting, the January 10, 2023 budget workshop, and the January 31, 2023 special meeting as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, John Welsh, Lisa Griffin, Amanda Cormier, Lynn Landolina, Robert Loomis, and Ricky Bortz. ABSTAINED: John Corcoran.) **Motion approved.**

**b. Additions to the Agenda – None**

**c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items –** Several visitors expressed their concern regarding the condition of the baseball and softball fields and they support the issuance of an RFP to repair the fields.

**II. Student Representatives Report**

Kieran Beman reported on events taking place at the elementary schools including 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School celebrations. Adithi Tallapaka reported on happenings in the middle and high school including students of the month, clubs and activities, sports, parent conferences, and As Schools Match Wits.

**III. Chairperson’s Report**

**a. Teacher Contract –** A motion to approve the teacher contract will occur later in the meeting.

**b. 2023 Committee Assignments and Committee Chairs –** A list of committee members and chairs was emailed to board members earlier. Committee chairs were reminded to send the agendas and minutes to the board clerk for posting.

**c. Field Study Committee Update -** Ricky Bortz provided an update on the baseball and softball fields.

**IV. Superintendent’s Report**

**a. Suffield Vo-Ag -** Suffield Vo-Ag student, Colin Rechenberg, presented his Capstone Project.

**b. SRO -** Scott Menard started his position as SRO for all the schools in the district.

- c. **HVAC Grant Update** – The application decision was pushed back to the end of February/early March.
- d. **BOF Draft Bid & Purchasing Policy** – Ray Engle provided a summary of the BOF Draft Bid and Purchasing policy.
- e. **Resignation** – Middle School Paraprofessional, Lynda Martin, submitted her resignation effective February 17, 2023.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. **Policy** – John Welsh would prefer not to be chair of the policy committee.
- b. **Budget** – Previously discussed at budget workshop.
- c. **Curriculum** – On behalf of the Curriculum Director, Melissa shared a letter regarding Master Class.
- d. **Facilities** – A motion to approve the capital requests will occur later in the meeting.
- e. **Negotiations** – John Welsh is hopeful that the vote to approve the teacher contract will be unanimous.
- f. **Communications** – A meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2023.

**VI. Recommended Actions**

**a. Approve January 2023 Financials**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the January 2023 Financials as presented *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Approve Issuance of RFP for Baseball/Softball Fields**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by John Welsh to approve the issuance of RFP to repair fields. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**c. Approve Capital Requests for SY 22-23**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by John Corcoran to approve the Capital Requests for SY 22-23. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**d. Approve Teacher Contract**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve the Teacher Contract. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

**VIII. Comments from Visitors** – Visitors thanked board members.

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made John Corcoran, seconded by Ricky Bortz to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

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