

**East Granby Board of Education
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, May 8, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Robert Loomis
Mrs. Amanda Cormier

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. John Corcoran
Mr. Mark Andrews

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Raymond Engle, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Adithi Tallapaka, Student Representative
Kieran Beman, Student Representative
Mr. & Mrs. Sridhar Tallapaka, Visitors
Heather Adams, Visitor
Paul Thulen, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Vice Chairperson Lynn Landolina called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the April 24, 2023 regular meeting, and the April 28, 2023 special meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the April 24, 2023 regular meeting minutes, and the April 28, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Kieran Beman shared events taking place in the elementary schools including end of year testing, performances, grade 5 journalism, open house, preschool nature hike, and water safety month.

Adithi Tallapaka reported on scholar athletes, student council, end of the year events, teacher appreciation, sports, and the students of the month for the middle and high school.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. CABE Student Award

On behalf of the Board of Education, Lynn Landolina recognized Adithi Tallapka and Kieran Beman as recipients of this year's CABE Student Leadership Award.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. EGHS – CAS 2023 Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award

Melissa shared a letter from the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) addressed to David Mendrala, high school social studies teacher, informing him and his students that their project on East Granby's Commission on Aging / East Granby Cares Day was selected for the 2023 Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award.

b. Resignation

Loretta Black, Speech & Language Pathologist, resigned effective the end of the school year.

- c. **M & J Transportation Contract Update** - The board attorney is still reviewing the contract.
- d. **K-5 Student Enrollment**
Melissa reported that the enrollments numbers are pretty stable since last November and kindergarten registration is underway.
- e. **Capital Requests**
Melissa reviewed the capital requests she would like to present to the BOF in June 2023.

V. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – A meeting will be scheduled.
- b. **Budget** – The Town Referendum is May 16, 2023
- c. **Curriculum** – Robert Loomis shared that the Capstone presentations are nearly finished, and new curriculum is expected be presented to the board this summer and fall. He also highlighted some of the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee report.
- d. **Facilities** – Previously discussed.
- e. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Recommended Actions

- a. **Approve April 2023 Financials**

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded John Welsh, to approve the April 2023 Financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

- b. **Approve Field Trip** – This item was tabled.

- c. **Approve Capital Requests to go to the BOF**

MOTION: a motion was made by Robert Loomis, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve Capital Requests to go to the BOF. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. **NEASC Report – May 22, 2023**
- b. **Capstone Projects – May 22, 2023**

VIII. Comments from Visitors

Paul Thulen, East Granby Economic Development Commission Chairperson, inquired about our process and procedure related to student enrollment.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.