

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, June 26, 2023**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mr. Mark Andrews  
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

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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 capital requests were all approved at last week's town meeting. The air conditioning was not presented because we did not have quotes.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

The 2024 Teacher of the Year is Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher, Olivia Petersen.

The Superintendent shared a letter from Colin Rechenburg, a recent Suffield Vo-Ag student from East Granby, thanking the Board of Education for allowing East Granby students to participate in the program.

**a. CIRMA**

We are switching our business insurance agent from AFS&V Insurance to CIRMA Insurance giving us a savings between \$8,000 - \$10,000.

**b. New Hires**

Melissa announced the following new hires: Noah Hurlburt, Grade 7 Science Teacher; Lindsay Cuadras, High School Counselor; Cristina Riloff, Middle School Spanish Teacher; and Susan Dubocq, Title I Tutor at R.D Seymour School.

**c. Seymour School Nurse**

Melissa explained that the nurse at Seymour School is contracted by a third party and suggested to the board that we transfer the funds budgeted for the position from the contractual services line to the personnel line making the position part of the noncertified bargaining unit. The position is already a component of the contract.

**IV. Recommended Actions**

**a. Approve Transfer of Funding from Contractual Services to Personnel**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the transferring of funds, not to exceed \$60,000, from contractual services to personnel for the purpose of funding a bargaining unit Health Nurse Secretary at Seymour School. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Approve M & J Transportation Contract – See Item VII.**

**V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

**a. Superintendent's Evaluation**

**VI. Comments from Visitors – None**

**VII. Executive Session – Discuss Bus/Transportation Contract**

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:19 p.m. Board members present: John Welsh, John Corcoran, Lynn Landolina, Amanda Cormier, Bob Paskiewicz, Ricky Bortz, and Robert Loomis.

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the M&J Bus contract. The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande and Raymond Engle. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

The board returned to regular session at 7:37 p.m.

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the M&J Bus contract as presented in Executive Session. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

**VIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Amanda Cormier to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

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