

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, August 14, 2023**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

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 July 10, 2023 regular meeting and the July 13, 2023 special meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 regular meeting and the July 13, 2023 special meeting as presented.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. September 25, 2023 BOE Regular Meeting

The September 25, 2023 regular meeting will be cancelled due to a non-school day (Yom Kippur.) If needed, a special meeting will be scheduled for September 26, 2023.

Bob Paskiewicz shared the topics discussed at the CABA Summer Leadership Conference he attended last week.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Elementary School Enrollment Update

Kindergarten enrollment was expected to be approximately 73 but it is currently at 60. Enrollment is still ongoing.

b. Personnel Update

New hires include Kyle Fusco, grade 7 English teacher, Michelle Sangiovanni, pre-k special education teacher, and Stanislav Gershman, school psychologist.

c. Year End Financials

Ray Engle shared the year end financials and summary including the estimated dollars going back to the town. Melissa asked the board if they would consider moving some of the money into the non-lapsing account and use it to help cover the expense of a project item listed on the capital plan.

d. Business Office Updates

The Munis upgrade has been completed. We are going live on August 28, 2023 with MySchoolBucks. This new school payment made easy system will keep us GASB compliant.

The high school weight room is being refurbished using unexpended class funds according to board policy.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – The board recently met to set the framework on taking the next steps to updating the policies. The next meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2023 at 5:30pm.
- b. **Budget** – The board plans on starting the budget process earlier this year.
- c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report at this time.
- d. **Negotiations** – Contract negotiations for the superintendent will take later in executive session.
- e. **Facilities** – The subcommittee is in the process of receiving/reviewing irrigation quotes. A meeting will be scheduled for the near future.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

V. Recommended Actions - None

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings - None

VII. Comments from Visitors - None

VIII. Executive Session – Personnel Matter - Superintendent’s Evaluation 2023 and Contracts 2024 and 2025

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Amanda Cormier to move into executive session to discuss the superintendent’s 2023 evaluation and 2024 and 2025 contracts. The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande to attend. **Motion approve unanimously.**

Present: John Welsh, Lynn Landolina, Amanda Cormier, Mark Andrews, Bob Paskiewicz, Ricky Bortz, Robert Loomis, and Melissa Bavaro-Grande.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline,
Board Clerk

Ricky Bortz
Board Secretary