

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 23, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Amanda Cormier (7:07pm)
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Robert Loomis
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Corcoran

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Lynn Landolina, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Robert Loomis to add item VIa Facilities Subcommittee Update. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Chairperson's Report – Nothing to report at this time.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Personnel Update

Lynda Martin is returning as a paraprofessional at the middle school. Jason Mele, night custodian at R.D. Seymour School, submitted his letter of resignation.

b. Security Grants

East Granby Public Schools is the recipient of two Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection grants. One is for school security up to \$51,000 and the other is a multi-media security grant up to \$116,000. Both are reimbursable grants with a rate of 43.21%.

c. SRO – MOU Update

The state of Connecticut requires that a local board of education enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency regarding the role and responsibilities of school resource officers. Melissa met with Trooper Demetron and SRO Menard to review written samples. The MOU will be presented at a later date for board approval.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Graduation Date 2024

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Ricky Bortz to approve June 12, 2024 as the Graduation Date for 2024. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve Non-Lapsing Fund Request

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to request funding (*not to exceed \$35,000*) from the non-lapsing account for the purpose of air duct cleaning. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve Capital Requests

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lisa Griffin to Approve Capital Requests.

The facilities subcommittee recommended requesting capital non-recurring funds for door replacements at the middle/high school, tennis court maintenance, and protective iPad cases. Melissa and board members discussed different scenarios for financing the reimbursable rate of 43.21% from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection grants using capital non-recurring funds including what to do if we are awarded the Department of Justice grant we applied for.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh to amend the Approve Capital Requests motion to Approve Capital Requests for tennis court maintenance, not to exceed \$15,000, and for protective cases for ECF iPads, not to exceed \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Mark Andrews. **Motion approved unanimously.**

MOTION: a motion was made by Robert Loomis, seconded by John Welsh, to Approve Capital Request to replace/fix interior/exterior doors at the middle/high school, not to exceed \$50,000. **Motion approved unanimously.**

V. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

- a. School Calendar 2024-2025
- b. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2024
- c. Student Performance Presentation November 13, 2023
- d. Bus – GPS Update
- e. Approve Capital Requests

VI. Comments from Visitors

a. Facilities Subcommittee Update

Ricky Bortz is meeting with Ed Hubbard and Eden Wimpfheimer tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the responsibilities of the fields.

VII. 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 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

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