

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, January 8, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Corcoran

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Tanvi Bandikallu, Student Representative
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Curtis Field, Athletic Director
Thomas Coleman, Visitor
Erin O'Connor, Visitor
Lipika Banerjee, Visitor
Max Vaughn, Visitor
Michael Lemire, Visitor
Darin Lemire, Visitor
Leslie Marques, Visitor
Tyler Marques, Visitor
Alisa Ruggiero, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Melissa Bavaro-Grande, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve Minutes from the December 4, 2023 policy subcommittee meeting and the December 11, 2023 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh to approve the December 4, 2023 policy subcommittee meeting and the December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Board Elections

a. Elect Board Officers 2024

A nomination was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh to appoint Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to close nominations and vote.

The board voted (8-0) to close nominations and voted (8-0) in favor of appointing Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson. *Motion passed unanimously.*

A nomination was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to appoint Lynn Landolina as Board Vice Chairperson.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to close nominations and vote.

The board voted (8-0) to close nominations and voted (8-0) in favor of appointing Lynn Landolina as Board Vice Chairperson. *Motion passed unanimously.*

A nomination was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to appoint Ricky Bortz as Board Secretary.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to close nominations and vote.

The board voted (8-0) to close nominations and voted (8-0) in favor of appointing Ricky Bortz as Board Secretary. *Motion passed unanimously.*

b. CREC Council Representatives

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to have the board officers act as the CREC Council Representatives. *Motion approved unanimously.*

III. Student Representative's Report

Tanvi Bandikallu reported on classroom visitors and events, holiday celebrations, concerts, students of the month, the Backpack Campaign, drama, chorus, after school programs, and upcoming mid-terms.

IV. Chairperson's Report

a. Committee Assignments 2024

Bob Paskiewicz welcomed new board member Whitney Burns and new business manager Mary Hiney. He recognized Amanda Cormier and Lisa Griffin for their start of a six year term. Board members were asked to email Bob prior to the next board meeting the names of the committee(s) they would like to serve on and if they would like to serve as the subcommittee chair. For planning purposes, Melissa asked that the subcommittee chairs provide the weekday and time they intend to hold meetings.

V. Superintendent's Report

a. Board of Education Consultation with CABE – January 22, 2024

Nick Caruso from CABE will meet with board members on January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

b. Budget Workshop Dates

Budget workshops are scheduled to take place on January 16, 2024 and January 24, 2024.

VI. Committee Reports

a. **Policy** – The subcommittee recently met to continue going through the Shipman & Goodwin policies. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2024.

b. **Budget** – Previously discussed.

c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report at this time.

d. **Facilities** – A meeting will be scheduled for January.

e. **Negotiations** – The Administrators' Contract was completed and will be voted on later during the meeting.

f. **Communications** – A meeting will be scheduled once subcommittee members are established.

VII. Recommended Actions

a. Approve December 2023 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the December 2023 financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve School Year Calendar 2024-2025

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve the 2024-2025 calendar as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve Boys Tennis Co-op

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve Boys Tennis Co-op. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Melissa shared that we would continue our co-op with Canton but we would now be the host district. She further explained how the cost involved would be covered.

d. Ratify Administrators' Contract

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh to ratify the Administrators' Contract. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Mark Andrews highlighted the economic and substantive language changes of the contract. John Welsh commented that working with the administrators was totally in good faith, wonderful, respectful, and without animosity.

VIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. NESDEC Enrollment Projections

b. SRO MOU

IX. Comments from Visitors

Thomas Coleman followed up on his request to consider changing the transportation policy to address a bus situation he shared at the December board meeting.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Mark Andrews to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline,
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.