

East Granby Board of Education
East Granby, CT 06026
Budget Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz (virtual)
Mrs. Lynn Landolina (virtual 5:09 pm)
Mrs. Amanda Cormier (virtual left 5:59 pm)
Mr. Mark Andrews (virtual)
Mrs. Whitney Burns (virtual)
Mr. Ricky Bortz (5:06 pm)
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Todd Zessin, BOF Member (virtual)

Board Member Absent:

Mr. John Welsh
Mr. John Corcoran

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, the budget workshop was called to order at 5:03 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Discuss Budget Drivers 2024-2025

- The Superintendent shared the budget drivers consistent year to year (salaries, health insurance, transportation, public and private tuition, utilities and fuel, subscriptions, books and supplies, special services) and all other line items.
- The Superintendent spoke about the decreased level of grant funding for salaries due to increasingly utilizing grants for salaries. This awareness was noted as a risk two years ago during budget discussions and emphasized last year.
- Conversation and discussion took place regarding possible savings and areas of reduction.
- The superintendent, business manager, and board members discussed important information to share at the Board of Finance meeting.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

III. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Mark Andrews to adjourn the workshop. The workshop was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bavaro-Grande
Acting Board Secretary

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