

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, February 12, 2024**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mr. John Corcoran

**Others Present:**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Mary Hiney, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Tanvi Bandikallu, Student Representative  
Ava Pasquantonio, Student Representative  
Lilly Butler, Suffield Vo-Ag Student  
Tim Butler, Visitor  
Karly Butler, Visitor  
Laura LaFlamme, Suffield High School - AgSci  
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor

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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 7:02 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Approve minutes from the January 8, 2024 regular meeting, the January 16, 2024 budget workshop, the January 22, 2024 regular meeting, the January 24, 2024 budget workshop, and the January 31, 2024 budget workshop**

*MOTION:* a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024 regular meeting, the January 16, 2024 budget workshop, the January 22, 2024 regular meeting, the January 24, 2024 budget workshop, and the January 31, 2024 budget workshop as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

- b. Additions to the Agenda – None**

- c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None**

**II. Student Representatives Report**

Tanvi Bandikallu reported on events taking place at the elementary schools including 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School celebrations, Read Across America, and the Kindness Challenge. Ava Pasquantonio reported on happenings in the middle and high school including students of the month, Spirit Week, the Snowball Dance, National School Counselors week, clubs and programs, sports, and mid-terms.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

Bob shared a letter from the Boy Scouts expressing their appreciation to the schools and town for allowing them to skate on the high school pond. Bob thanked Melissa on her efforts for following up with the state on the reimbursement from the roof grant; \$332,055 will be returned to the town's general fund. A budget workshop is scheduled for February 13, 2024 to discuss a 5.25% increase as guided by the BOF and to discuss a percentage increase recommended by the BOE. A Town Meeting will take place on February 27, 2024 at 7pm to approve the Administrators' Contract. The Superintendent has been in contract with the parent who had a transportation request.

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Suffield Vo-Ag Senior Presentation**

Lilly Butler gave a presentation on her experience at Suffield Vo-Ag and the many skills she gained over the last four years. Lilly thanked the board members for their continued support of the program at Suffield High School.

- b. CIAC Grant Award –** The district was awarded \$4,500 to be applied towards sports, supplies, or equipment.

- c. CIAC Boys Tennis Co-op –** The CIAC awarded the boys tennis co-op for one year.

**d. Zonar Update**

Setup and configuration concerns need to be addressed with Zonar's Development partner. The concerns center around the app's security. We have requested that Zonar give us an ETA when this will be completed.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Policy** – The committee will be meeting on February 26, 2024 to discuss forwarding the Shipman and Goodwin policies to the BOE for acceptance.
- b. Budget** – The BOF gave a guide of 5.25%. The BOE will discuss the 5.25% increase and a percentage they feel they need at their next workshop.
- c. Curriculum** – The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024.
- d. Facilities** – A meeting will be scheduled before the end of this month.
- e. Negotiations** – A Town Meeting will take place on February 27, 2024 at 7pm to approve the Administrators' Contract.
- f. Communications** – A meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2024 at 4:30pm.

**VI. Recommended Actions**

**a. Approve January 2024 Financials**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh to approve the January 2024 Financials as presented *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Approve PA 13-60 Non-Educational Services**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the PA 13-60 Non-Educational Services report as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**c. Approve Field Trip**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the field trip to Six Flags New England on May 31, 2024 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- a. Budget Endorsement for SY 24-25**
- b. Zonar**

**VIII. Comments from Visitors** – Jeff Darmetko asked the board if they could elaborate on special education cost.

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made Mark Andrews, seconded by Amanda Cormier to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk

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