

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, March 11, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh (7:02 pm)
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Whitney Burns (7:28 pm)
Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Tanvi Bandikallu, Student Representative

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. Mark Andrews

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 minute from the February 12, 2024 regular meeting, the February 13, 2024 budget workshop, and the February 26, 2024 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the February 12, 2024 regular meeting, the February 13, 2024 budget workshop, and the February 26, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, John Welsh, Amanda Cormier, Lisa Griffin, and Lynn Landolina. ABSTAINED: John Corcoran). *Motion approved.*

b. Additions to Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Corcoran to add item IVb Approve Increasing Educator Diversity Plan to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None

II. Student Representatives Reports

Tanvi reported on events and happenings taking place in the schools. Topics included Kids Heart Challenge, fundraisers, PTO Annual School Supply Drive, Garden Club, therapy dogs, students of the month, awards, workshops, POPS concert, Dodgeball tournament, the spring musical, and special teacher Eugenia Semyanko's recognition by the Prize Patrol.

III. Chairperson's Report

- The administrators' contract was unanimously approved.
- The board will deliver their budget presentation to the BOF at their March 19th meeting.
- A BOE budget workshop is scheduled for March 27, 2024.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Retirement / Resignation / New Hire

- Paraprofessional, Ann Dugan, will retire at the end of this school year
- Guidance secretary Michelle Leadbeater resigned
- R.D. Seymour School custodian John Campagna is now a paraprofessional at the middle school
- John Mele returned to district as the part-time custodian at R.D. Seymour School
- Aidan Walsh is the new JV baseball coach

b. Zonar Update

We are in the next phase of Zonar. Staff members are testing the App and we spoke with districts who have a similar App.

c. Increasing Educator Diversity Plan

The superintendent presented the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan (Legislative Mandate: Public Act 23-167 Section 10). The plan must formally be approved by the board of education and then submitted to the commissioner for approval. The commissioner may approve such plan or may return it with instructions to revise it.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – A subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2024 to continue comparing East Granby and Shipman & Goodwin policies.
- b. Budget** – The board will deliver their budget presentation at the March 19th BOF meeting.
- c. Curriculum** – The subcommittee reviewed mathematic resources, especially at the high school level, at their last meeting.
- d. Facilities** – The subcommittee reviewed safety grants and discussed HVAC Systems and athletic fields at their last meeting.
- e. Negotiations** – The administrators’ contract was unanimously approved at the town meeting.
- f. Communications** – The subcommittee recently met to discuss principals’ newsletters/blogs, parent advisories, other forms of communication, and BOE student representative feedback and mentorship with K-5 students. The superintendent will be sending out communications regarding the budget.

VI. Recommend Actions

a. Approve February 2024 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Whitney Burns to approve the February 2024 Financials as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Zonar**
- b. Students in the School Spotlight March 25, 2024**

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Corcoran, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.