

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 22, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. John Welsh

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Courtney Prendergast, HS Counselor
Oliver Forero, Student Presenter
Narda Forero, Visitor
German Forero, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Without a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

- a. **Additions to the Agenda** - None
- b. **Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items** - None

II. Chairperson's Report

- a. The Public Hearing will be held tomorrow, April 23, 2024 followed by a Board of Finance meeting. Mr. Paskiewicz thanked all the schools for their weekly communications to board members.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Student / School Spotlights

Grade 11 student, Oliver Forero, shared his experience during his time at the U.S. Senate Page Program in Washington D.C.

b. Zonar Update

Melissa shared comments from staff members with children in the district who were given a login to test out the Zonar App and asked to provide feedback.

c. Last Day of School

The district had two traditional snow days; therefore, the last day of school for students will be June 14, 2024 and the last day of school for teachers will be June 17, 2024.

d. Spring / End of School Year Activities

Melissa shared a host of upcoming activities taking place in the schools and district-wide.

e. Retirement / Resignations

Accounts Payable Specialist, Hannah Stack, and the middle/high school Library Media Special, Josiah Friedberg, resigned. High School Language Arts teacher, Susan Downes, will be retiring at the end of this school year and we have one additional pending retirement.

f. Presentation for Public Hearing

A 6.83% budget was discussed at the last budget workshop. Since then, Melissa Bavaro-Grande and Mary Hiney were able to reduce it to 6.38%. A budget reduction of 6.38% recommended by the Superintendent will be presented at the Public Hearing.

g. Teacher Non-Renewal Notifications

Seven teachers received non-renewal notifications. A special meeting will be scheduled April 25, 2024 so that the board can vote to approve the non-renewals.

IV. Recommended Actions – This item was skipped due to lack of a quorum.

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – No items were added.

VI. Comments from Visitors - None

VII. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline, Board Clerk

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