

**East Granby Board of Education**  
**Meeting Minutes for**  
**Monday, May 13, 2024**

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**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Mr. John Corcoran  
Mrs. Whitney Burns

**Others Present:**

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Mary Hiney, Business Manager  
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk  
Ava Pasquantonio, Student Representative  
Tanvi Bandikallu, Student Representative  
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour Principal  
Susan Olechna, Grade 4 Teacher  
Mary Brodeur, Grade 4 Teacher  
Seymour School Grade 4 Students / Parents

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**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Paskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Approve minutes from the March 6, 2024 budget workshop, the March 11, 2024 regular meeting, the April 4, 2024 and April 17, 2024 budget workshops, the April 22, 2024 regular meeting, and the April 25, 2024 special meeting**

*MOTION:* a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024 budget workshop, the March 11, 2024 regular meeting, the April 4, 2024 and April 17, 2024 budget workshops, the April 22, 2024 regular meeting, and the April 25, 2024 special meeting as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

- b. Additions to Agenda - None**  
**c. Comments from Visitors - None**

**II. Student Representatives Report**

Tanvi shared events taking place in the elementary schools including spirit week, concerts, field trips, making Mother's Day cards, art show, rock garden, and Words Matter for mental health week. Ava reported that East Granby High School earned the U.S. News Best High School Award Badge. She also reported on recognition and award recipients, upcoming events, and students of the month for the middle and high school.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

**a. CAFE Student Award**

Melissa Bavaro and Bob Paskiewicz recognized Ava Pasquantonio and Tanvi Bandikallu as recipients of this year's CAFE Student Leadership Award.

Bob Paskiewicz reminded the public that the town referendum will be held on May 21, 2024. Bob mentioned he received a correspondence from a parent regarding student activity accounts. Finally, he shared that a baseball game between Granby and East Granby will take place at Dunkin' Park on May 20, 2024.

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

**a. School Spotlights**

Seymour grade 4 students delivered a curriculum related presentation by stepping into the shoes of and acting as immigrants arriving at Ellis Island.

**b. Resignations / Retirement**

Business teacher, Mark Waller is retiring at the end of this school year. Athletic Director / Guidance Secretary, Curtis Field submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2024, and Jason Mele, Seymour custodian, submitted his resignation effective May 31, 2024.

**c. Roof Committee Request**

Melissa Bavaro spoke with Eden Wimpfheimer about forming a committee to start the roof project at the middle/high for the section that was not eligible for reimbursement back when the majority of the roof was replaced. Board members interested can contact Melissa if they are interested in serving on the committee.

**d. Seymour Audit**

Melissa shared that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is currently at town hall performing the Seymour School audit.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. **Policy** – A meeting will be scheduled to continue reviewing / crosswalk of Shipman & Goodwin and EGPS policies.
- b. **Budget** – The town referendum is May 21, 2024
- c. **Curriculum** – A meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.
- d. **Facilities** – Ricky highlighted items discussed at the April 16, 2024 facilities subcommittee meeting.
- e. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

**VI. Recommended Actions**

**a. Approve March 2024 Financials**

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

**b. Approve April 2024 Financials**

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

**c. Approve SRO Agreement**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Ricky Bortz to approve the SRO Agreement as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, Amanda Cormier, Lisa Griffin, Ricky Bortz, and Mark Andrews. ABSTAIN: John Welsh.) *Motion passed.*

**d. Approve Field Trip**

The Superintendent presented a field trip to Cost Rica during April school vacation of 2025.

**e. Approve adding Mary Hiney to the Northwest Community Bank (milk, scholarship) Accounts**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve adding Mary Hiney to the Northwest Community Bank (milk, scholarship) Accounts.

Mary Hiney needs to be added to all school related accounts.

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve adding Mary Hiney to all school related Northwest Community Bank Accounts. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- a. **School Spotlights**
- b. **Capital Request**

**VIII. Comments from Visitors - None**

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Mark Andrews, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline  
Board Clerk