

East Granby Board of Education  
East Granby, CT 06026  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Budget Workshop  
June 24, 2024

BOE Members Present:

Amanda Cormier, Ricky Bortz, Lynn Landolina, John Welsh, Lisa Griffin, Mark Andrews, Bob Paskiewicz (virtual)

Others Present: Superintendent Melissa Bavaro-Grande and Business Manager Mary Hiney

Visitors: Marjorie Light, Anthony DeMelo, Karen Gogel, Robert McGrath, and Marsie Luckenbach

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 5:34 p.m.
  - a. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None
  
- II. Current Recommended Reductions to Meet BoF Guidelines
  - a. Effects of retirements/leaves –
    - Math department resignation – all courses offered - some classes, such as pre-calculus can expect to have up to 25 students in a class. Middle school math teacher to teach a 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.
    - Business Teacher - all courses offered and some will be taught by other staff members, certified to teach personal finance and accounting. Virtual High School can be an option for courses such as entrepreneurship and sports marketing.
    - English - Will offer all required plus AP courses and 2 electives (Journalism and Creative Writing). Some classes will be up to 25 students. EGMS ELA teacher will teach a section of English at the high school.
    - Library/ Media - Certified and trained teacher to teach AP computer science. All other courses will continue to be taught at the middle school as part of the rotations. Will most likely require para support in the MS/HS library at times throughout the day.
    - Grade 2 – Sections will be at class size guidelines in all 3 sections.
    - With 5.7% increase budget - will not recommend for termination /reduce any position other than ESSR grant position.
    - New guideline is 4.95 (145K) – Renegotiate Insurance / Workman’s Compensation. Working on MOU for administrators, superintendent, and the business manager to forego Professional Development money for 24-25.
  
- III. Additional Areas for Cost Reductions
  - a. Addressed in item II.
  
- IV. Next Budget Workshop Date - To be scheduled after referendum
  
- V. Adjournment - 6:50 pm