

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, June 24, 2024**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Corcoran
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

Visitors Present:

Jessica Egan
Jennifer Kovaleski
Patrick Gill
Brady Gill
Mark Mason
Susan Mason
Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director
Bob McGrath, Allgrove Principal
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour Principal
Tony, DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Karen Gogel, Special Education Director

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Lynn Landolina, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by John Welsh to add item IIIc Class of 2023 Student Activity Account to the agenda. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

Former 2023 Class Treasurer, Brady Gill, commented on returning the Class of 2023 funds and Patrick Gill commented on the process of handling student accounts.

II. Chairperson's Report

There will be another Referendum.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Connecticut Educator Evaluation Guidelines

Marjorie Light presented the new teacher evaluation guidelines. The guidelines were created using a template released by the state and comparing guidelines with surrounding districts. The PDEC Committee created and approved the guidelines in June. The Board of Education is required to approved them before the district can forward them to the state for review.

b. Personnel Report

Douglas Knowe was hired as the new girls' varsity basketball coach and Katherine Dias was hired as the new Athletic Director.

c. Class of 2023 Student Activity Account

Melissa has been speaking with the auditors for guidance on returning the funds (dues). Some board members discussed returning the dues even if the auditors advise us not to. Bob Paskiewicz commented that this has been going on now for a year and if the board approves to return the dues to the students, he does not see how the auditors will have a problem with it because it is the right thing to do. The policy subcommittee is in the process of revising the Student Activity Funds policy. The revision is currently being reviewed by board counsel.

Mark Andrews requested that this item be listed on every agenda until there is closure. John Welsh recommended waiting to hear from the auditors and board counsel before taking action.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Educator Guidelines for Evaluation, Support, and Growth for East Granby

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve the Educator Guidelines for Evaluation, Support, and Growth for East Granby as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Superintendent's Evaluation – Melissa asked the board to provide her with a date.

b. Revised Student Activity Funds Policy (First Read)

c. Student Activity Funds (Vote on Class of 2023 if necessary)

VI. Comments from Visitors

Jennifer Kovalski recommended student activity policy changes for the board to consider.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Amanda Cormier to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

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