

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Mark Andrews

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Varshny Sriganesh, Student Representative
Hansika Lenkala, Student Representative
Drew Namnoun, Visitor
Laura Namnoun, Visitor
Alisa Ruggiero, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Without a quorum present, the meeting started at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Varshny Sriganesh and Hansika Lenkala introduced themselves to board members. Both students are juniors who will be representing the student body at Board of Education meetings.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz shared that board members will continue reviewing/revising Board of Education Goals.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Retirement - Social Worker, Linda Dewey, announced that her last day of work will be November 4, 2024.

b. Draft Budget Format - Melissa shared a sample of a budget format that lists object codes by school.

c. Updates: Transportation – Middle School Lunch - Solar

Melissa shared that M&J Transportation monitored the data for bus run times, pick-ups, and drop-offs. Amanda Cormier commented that the run time for the bus she was tracking exceeded 45 minutes. Melissa explained that the run time does not include transporting students between elementary schools. Melissa will follow up with M&J.

Melissa spent time observing the lunch waves at the middle school and did not see any issues or hear of any from staff and/or students.

Back in 2021, Earthlight Technologies gave a solar presentation at a BOE meeting. Meetings also took place with the Town. Another meeting will be scheduled to continue the conversation.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Nothing to report at this time.

b. Budget – Draft budget format previously shared.

c. Curriculum – Nothing to report at this time.

d. Facilities – An update on field maintenance was shared/discussed.

e. Negotiations – Nothing to report at this time.

f. Communications – Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Recommended Actions – Skipped due to lack of a quorum.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve Minutes

b. Approve Policy 3453 – FOURTH READ

VIII. Comments from Visitors

Laura Namnoun, Alisa Ruggiero, and Drew Namnoun shared their opinion/concern of student cell phone usage.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline, Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.