

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 28, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Ricky Bortz

Others Present:

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Hansika Lenkala, Student Representative
Dreux Namnoun
Patrick McKenney
Karen Gogel, Director of Student Support Services
Marjorie Light, Director Curriculum/PD
Tony DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Patrick Gustafson, EGHS Assistant Principal
Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal
Marsie, Luckenbach, Seymour Principal
Bob McGrath, Allgrove Principal

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the September 9, 2024 and September 23, 2024 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the September 9, 2024 and September 23, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the agenda - Mark Andrews requested a bus update.

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items

Patrick McKenney is present tonight to make sure the conversation regarding bus 4 continues.

II. Chairperson's Report – Bob Paskiewicz shared information on upcoming CABE conferences available to board members and CABE webinars he recently attended.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Performance Presentation

The administrators presented the state testing results for their respective grade levels.

b. Bus Update

Melissa shared that a three-day tracking run was performed. She spoke with M & J and they are planning a dry run for bus 4 to reduce the time by 5-7 minutes. Amanda Cormier commented that students who reside on Harvest Lane are on the bus for an hour. John Welsh commented that we need to have a solution soon and may need to consider adding a bus.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Appoint Dreux Namnoun to Fill Board Vacancy

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Whitney Burns to appoint Dreux Namnoun to fill the board vacancy. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve September 2024 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by Whitney Burns, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the September 2024 Financial report as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

c. Approve Policy 3453 – FOURTH READ

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Amanda Cormier to Approve Policy 3453 – FOURTH READ as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

d. Approve Capital Requests

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve to put forth to the Board of Finance and the town, capital requests not to exceed \$152,000 for cameras, parking lot/sidewalk repairs, knee wall with power for the high school library, and air conditioning in the gym at Seymour School. **Motion approved unanimously.**

e. Approve Amount for Nonlapsing Fund

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to discuss an amount for the nonlapsing fund. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Mary Hiney shared that the unaudited bottom line for the FY23-24 budget is \$240,000. Board members need to decide how much they would like to place in the nonlapsing fund account and how much to return to the town. John Welsh recommended placing \$240,000 in the nonlapsing fund account.

Lisa Griffin withdrew her motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve \$240,000 be placed in the BOE nonlapsing fund account. **Motion approved unanimously.**

f. Approve to use Nonlapsing Funds not to exceed 20k for window blinds/tinting and tree removal

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Whitney Burns to approve using non-lapsing funds not to exceed 20k for window blinds/tinting and tree removal. **Motion approved unanimously.**

g. Approve Superintendent's Extension of Contract

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Whitney Burns, to approve the Superintendent's Extension of Contract.

V. Executive Session – Superintendent's Evaluation Completion and Extension of Contract

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:21 pm.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Whitney Burns to move into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation Completion and Extension of Contract. The board invited Melissa Bavaro-Grande to attend. **Motion approved unanimously.**

The board returned to regular session at 8:40 pm

A vote was taken to approve the motion previously made to approve the Superintendent's Extension of Contract. All votes were in favor. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VI. Comments from Visitors – Patrick McKenney thanked the board members.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.