

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, November 25, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Others Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

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. Approve Minutes from the October 8, 2024 special meeting, and the October 15, 2024 and October 28, 2024 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Whitney Burns, to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 special meeting, and the October 15, 2024 and October 28, 2024 regular meetings as submitted. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None

II. Student Representatives Report

Melissa has been meeting regularly with both student representatives. They are interested in sitting in on subcommittee meetings. Hansika added they would also like to become voting members. Student Representative reports will resume in January 2025.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz recently met with CTEC Solar to discuss options.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Bus Update

Melissa shared updated information regarding tracking time. If the time is unacceptable, Melissa will be happy to look into the cost of an additional bus. Amanda expressed her concern about the length of time elementary students from Harvest Lane are on the bus. Melissa will arrange a meeting with the transportation company and four board members for next week.

b. BOE Member to Participate in Solar and Possible Enrollment Expansion Conversations

Melissa had recent conversations with Eden Wimpfheimer and Amanda Thompson regarding solar. Melissa is in the initial stage of gathering information on modular classrooms in the event they are needed. She invited board members to participate in conversations regarding these topics.

c. Spring Softball

Melissa shared that there are only eight students interested in playing softball in the spring. That is not enough for a team. The idea is to participate in a co-op with Windsor Locks.

Mark Andrews suggested looking into Granby. Melissa will ask the athletic director to contact the CIAC and explore the possibility of a co-op with Granby.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – Lynn Landolina will send a list of meeting dates for subcommittee members to select from.
- b. Budget** – Melissa reviewed upcoming budget workshop dates.
- c. Curriculum** – The subcommittee recently met to discuss teacher evaluation/personalized PD, small grants supporting curriculum, and the state rescinding its Capstone Project graduation requirement.
- d. Facilities** – The installation of the irrigation system for the athletics fields has begun.
- e. Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve October 2024 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the October 2024 Financial Report as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Approve the Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2025

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2025 as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. School Calendar 2025-2026**
- b. Capstone Project**
- c. Bus Update**

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.