



## East Greenwich School Committee Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023  
6:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting: Cole Middle School & Via Zoom

### Minutes

#### Those in attendance

**School Committee:** Ms. Alyson Powell, Chair; Ms. Nicole Bucka, Vice-Chair; Ms. Clare Cecil-Karb; Mr. William Hangan; Mr. Kevin Murphy; Mr. Tim Munoz; Dr. Eugene Quinn

**Additional Attendees:** Mrs. Maggie Baker, Director of Administration; Mrs. Amy Healey, Confidential Administrative Assistant; Attorney Michael Polak

**Attendees via Zoom:** Dr. Brian G. Ricca, Superintendent

#### I. Call to Order

Ms. Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Public Comment

#### IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

##### A. January 24, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 24, 2023*

##### B. January 24, 2023 Regular Session Minutes

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Regular Session minutes of January 24, 2023*

##### C. February 7, 2023 Joint Meeting and School Committee Meeting & Budget Hearing Minutes

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023*

D. February 23, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0-2 to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 23, 2023. Mr. Hangan and Mr. Murphy abstained from the vote.*

E. February 23, 2023 Special Session Minutes

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0-2 to approve the Special Session February 23, 2023. Mr. Hangan and Mr. Murphy abstained from the vote.*

F. March 7, 2023 School Committee Meeting and Budget Hearing Minutes

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the School Committee meeting and Budget Hearing minutes of March 7, 2023*

**V. Action Items**

A. School Committee approval of Phone System Project Completion

*On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Bucka, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Phone System Project Completion.*

B. School Committee approval of Termination of Athletic Trainer Bid Award

*On a motion by Mr. Hangan, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Termination of the Athletic Trainer Bid Award.*

C. School Committee approval of Revised Policy Subcommittee Charge

Attorney Polak recommended that “policy committee” be changed to “policy subcommittee” throughout the revised charge.

Mr. Munoz explained the changes

- 1) The additional of a second community member
- 2) 3 central office staff as members
- 3) Removal of the voting provision; some subcommittees have that provision, some don't. These are advisory committees and should not be voting

Mr. Munoz added that other subcommittee charges need to be updated to remove the voting provision.

Ms. Bucka said that there should be more consistency amongst the subcommittee charges. Ms. Powell replied that consistency among the charges is part of the by-laws review and discussion.

*On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the revised policy subcommittee charge, subject to the changes suggested by Attorney Polak.*

## **VI. Superintendent & Staff Reports**

### **A. Personnel Report**

Dr. Ricca reported that two paraprofessionals have been hired at Frenchtown; two secretaries are retiring; two teachers and two paraprofessionals have submitted their resignations. The leadership team will meet tomorrow to discuss the budget with an eye towards staffing with the goal of all positions being filled for next year.

Mr. Munoz inquired about the resignation of the world language teacher / department chair teacher. Dr. Ricca and Dr. Page gave context for the teacher's leave of absence and plans to fill the position.

### **B. Financial Update**

Mrs. Baker gave a financial update highlighting:

- The surplus has gone up since the last report
- Teacher breakage has offset the overage in substitutes
- Utilities, electric and gas, costs are high
- Additional spending has been curtailed

Mr. Munoz requested that future financial reports include a glossary of terms for the acronyms in the report.

## **VII. Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Facilities Subcommittee**

Mr. Hangan said that the cleaning audit will be reviewed at the next Facilities subcommittee meeting. The District is waiting for RIDE approval in order to proceed with security upgrades.

Ms. Powell inquired whether there is an update on the virtual metering contract. Mr. Hangan replied that there is no update at this time.

### **B. Personnel Subcommittee**

Ms. Bucka reported that the Personnel subcommittee is on track for the Superintendent's evaluation. The evaluation survey is currently being reviewed by members of the Personnel subcommittee.

### **C. Special Education Advisory Committee**

Ms. Bucka stated that Mr. Marcaccio is doing a great job as Director of Student Services. The last SEAC meeting was well attended, in part to the advertising of the meeting through the list serv.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

*On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr Murphy, the Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey  
School Committee Clerk

*Approved 4-4-23*