



East Greenwich School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
6:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting: Cole Middle School & Via Zoom

Minutes

Those in attendance

School Committee: Ms. Alyson Powell, Chair; Ms. Clare Cecil-Karb; Mr. William Hangan; Mr. Tim Munoz; Mr. Kevin Murphy (arrived at 7:19 pm); Dr. Eugene Quinn

Additional Attendees: Dr. Brian Ricca, Superintendent; Mrs. Maggie Baker, Director of Administration; Ms. Sarah Courtemanche-O'Brien; Mrs. Amy Healey, School Committee Clerk; Attorney Aubrey Lombardo

I. Call to Order

Ms. Powell called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recess Open Session and Convene Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Employee Job Performance - The individual has been notified, including their right to have any discussion held in open session

At 6:03 pm, on a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0 to Recess Open Session and Convene Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Employee Job Performance - The individual has been notified, including their right to have any discussion held in open session

IV. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session

On a motion by Dr Quinn, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 5-0 to adjourn executive session and reconvene open session at 6:20 pm.



V. Seal Executive Session Minutes of September 3, 2024 and Disclosure of Executive Session Votes of September 3, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 5-0 to Seal the Executive Session minutes of September 3, 2024.

Ms. Powell disclosed that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Approval of School Committee Meeting Minutes

- A. Executive Session Minutes of August 6, 2024
- B. Regular Session Minutes of August 6, 2024
- C. Executive Session Minutes of August 27, 2024
- D. Special Session Minutes of August 27, 2024

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 4-0-1 to approve both sets of minutes of August 6, 2024. Ms. Cecil-Karb abstained from the vote.

On a motion by Mr. Munoz, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve both sets of minutes of August 27, 2024.

VIII. Action Items

- A. School Committee Approval of Eldredge Principal Contract

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve Ms. Tedeschi's contract.

Ms. Cecil-Karb said that the selection of Ms. Tedeschi was a profoundly excellent decision and she is excited to see what happens at Eldredge. She added that it is great that incredible talent can be found in our district.

Mr. Munoz said that it is best when a teacher becomes an administrator and that it is an indicator that the system is working.

Ms. Powell said that the selection of Ms. Tedeschi is very exciting and that she also can not wait to see what is in store for Eldredge.



Dr. Ricca thanked Ms. Courtemanche-O'Brien, Mr. Marcaccio and Ms. Mooney who ran tremendous first and second rounds to make sure that high quality candidates came to him. He added that he is excited to work with Ms. Tedeschi in this role. She is someone who demonstrates what all means all in practice.

Mr. Marcaccio mentioned that Ms. Tedeschi's first concern was for her students.

Dr. Ricca said that a transition date has not yet been set and that Ms. Tedeschi continues to be thoughtful of her students.

B. School Committee Approval of EG ESP MOA - Ms. Lynn Sarazen

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the MOA.

Dr. Ricca explained that this MOA puts into contract language what has been happening in practice. Principal Centracchio is credited for making sure that the contract and practice align.

C. School Committee Approval of Homeschool Requests

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the packet of 7 homeschool requests.

D. School Committee Approval of Facility Usage Waiver - Passaretti Memorial Field Committee

Representatives of the Passaretti Memorial Field Committee were unable to attend tonight's meeting and requested that this item be tabled.

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 5-0 to table the agenda item.

IX. Superintendent and Staff Reports

A. Report on the start of the school year

Dr. Ricca noted that this is the lowest number of openings we have had at the start of school for the past many years. There are 9 openings: 5 teachers (2 of which are one



year only); 3 custodians (1 each: permanent, part-time, floater) and 1 Assistant Director of Student Services.

Mr. Marcaccio said that this has been the best start of schools that he has experienced as an administrator. Staffing is a big reason and the right items are on the agenda for the short and long term.

Governor came to the high school last Friday celebrating that EGHS had the lowest amount of chronic absenteeism in the entire state. Students talk about meaningful relationships that make them want to come to school.

Mr. Munoz praised the students who spoke at the event for their poise. He shared that Commissioner Infante-Green and Governor McKee both spoke highly of the District's students. The students showed great empathy for their peers.

Ms. Cecil-Karb said that the student speakers had awareness of programs happening at the school that they were not a part of.

Dr. Ricca said that there has been a directed effort to find an adult to connect with individual students in order to help address their attendance issues.

B. Professional Development Preview & Extended School Year (ESY) 2024 Recap

Ms. Courtemanche-O'Brien and Mr. Marcaccio presented "ESY Review + PD Pathways 2024-2025"

Ms. Courtemanche O'Brien

Priorities

- Priority 1: Learning
 - "Integrated" tiered systems of support - conduit referral
 - Enhanced tiered - high quality instructional materials
 - Inclusive strategy framing for Social Emotional Learning and Behavioral Health (Trauma Informed Care)

- Priority 2: Teaching
 - Strengthening Tier 1 Collaborative Planning with Standards based Focus (Teacher Leaders)
 - Differentiated Instructional Routines and common protocols
 - Digitized unified procedure for intervention referral and planning
 - Secondary Regulations (RIDE)



- Inclusion Instructional Strategies; English Language Development (URI)
- Priority 3: Systems
 - Systems (Refresher and Initial Training on Digital Infrastructures to increase efficiencies)
 - Framing next steps in routines and expectations of MTSS across schools
 - Enhancing Data Protocol Infrastructure and Equitable Resource Provision
- Priority 4: Community
 - Educator Wellbeing in partnership with Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence
 - Post Secondary Partnership Expansions; focus on public/private sector student opportunities

Mr. Marcaccio

Extended School Year (ESY) & Strategic Priorities

- Priority 1: Learning
 - 74 students
 - 1815+ hours of learning
 - Purpose(s) of ESY
 - SEL & Routines & Communication
 - Inclusion?
 - Types of experiences
- Priority 2: Teaching
 - 60 staff
 - 1815+ hours of teaching
 - Prioritize IEP goal work
 - Emerging skills
 - Reporting - data informed
- Priority 3: Systems
 - IEP goals and progress monitoring
 - Organizational
 - Walkthroughs and check-ins
 - Parent engagement
- Priority 4: Community
 - Community experiences
 - District-embedded experiences



Dr. Quinn said that the success of ESY is addressing bringing extra support to struggling students. Mr. Marcaccio said that he would like to expand the days, hours and weeks of the program. This year's program ran from both Meadowbrook and the high school. Eighth grade students were able to attend the high school.

Mr. Marcaccio explained that this is not summer school; it is an opportunity to continue emerging skills and hold back regression.

Ms. Cecil-Karb said that ESY is an incredible resource for students and should be highlighted. She asked whether a full day program would be beneficial to these students. Mr. Marcaccio said that some would greatly benefit.

Mr. Munoz asked how ESY aligns with student IEPs. Mr. Marcaccio replied that all students with an IEP are offered ESY.

X. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Discussion of School Committee Governance - Annual Action Plan

Ms. Powell said that this is an attempt to add structure to the school committee's meeting calendar and to identify priorities.

Mr. Munoz reviewed a draft of the annual calendar. He also reviewed reports that are needed to be sent to the School Committee each year.

Ms. Powell asked the School Committee members to review this schedule and provide feedback. The School Committee will look to set the 2025 meeting schedule soon and use this schedule as a guide for the meetings.

XI. Subcommittees

A. Facilities



XII. Adjournment

At 7:29 pm, on a motion by Mr. Hangan, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey
School Committee Clerk

Approved 9-17-24