



East Greenwich School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 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 7:15pm); Dr. Eugene Quinn

Additional Attendees: Dr. Brian Ricca, Superintendent; Mrs. Maggie Baker, Director of Administration; Mr. Neil Marcaccio, Director of Student Services; Mrs. Amy Healey, School Committee Clerk; Attorney Aubrey Lombardo

I. Call to Order

Ms. Powell called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Powell announced that the October 15th School Committee meeting has been moved to October 22nd.

III. Public Comment

IV. Approval of School Committee Meeting Minutes

- A. Executive Session Minutes of September 17, 2024
- B. Regular Session Minutes of September 17, 2024

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 4-0-1 to approve both sets of minutes from September 17, 2024. Mr. Hangan abstained from the vote.

V. Action Items

- A. School Committee Approval of Relocation Site Agreement



Ms. Powell explained that this agreement secures the reunification site in the case of an emergency.

On a motion by Mr. Hangan, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the agreement.

B. School Committee Approval of Professional Services Agreement, Place LLC

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

Mr. Munoz inquired about the work that Place, LLC has already done with the District.

Mr. Marcaccio replied that in addition to conducting the special education audit last year, Place, LLC held workshops with SEAC. He said that a co-teaching pilot program will be excellent for the District.

C. School Committee Approval of Professional Services Agreement, University Orthopedics

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

This is a new position with a physician volunteering his time.

VI. Superintendent and Staff Reports

A. Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Ricca shared a report from Meadowbrook Principal Dom Giusti on Pillar 2 - Reflections on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

Mr. Marcaccio explained that the District is working on horizontal and vertical articulation consistency across all schools.

Mr. Munoz noted that the report highlighted the high number of kindergarten students who have no previous school experience. He said that this is a reason to support universal Pre-K.



Mr. Marcaccio said that Tier 1 elements are used to introduce these students to protocols and expectations. There were a lot of last minute kindergarten registrations.

Dr. Quinn asked how the District can forecast students beginning Kindergarten without any previous school experience.

Ms. Powell asked the School Committee to provide feedback on the Strategic Plan update which will be a monthly report.

B. Student Services Update

Mr. Marcaccio presented a student services update.

- “Special education students and students with 504s are general education students first”.
- “Educators should be thinking about adapting their classrooms and instruction to their students, or better yet making their environments universally accessible to ALL, as opposed to expecting all students to adapt to a mold”.

Priority 1: Learning

- Foundational skills matter

Priority 2: Teaching

- Better goals driving T & L
- Parallel goals
- Freedom to modify
- Who can provide specifically designed instruction?
- Double dipping is OK

Priority 3: Systems

- IEP goals & progress monitoring
- 504 protocols
- Workflow continuity

Priority 4: Community

- 48 hour advanced IEP share
- Keys to Ed - meeting protocols
- SEAC planning

Dr. Ricca reported that the interviews for the new Assistant Director of Student Services went very well and there were strong candidates. He anticipates bringing a contract to the School Committee at the next meeting.



VII. Policies

A. Policy 1215 Title IX and Grievance Procedures Policy, revised - First Read

Attorney Lombardo said that there are new Title IX rules. One set is to be used for incidents before August 2024 and the other for incidents after August 2024. East Greenwich does not have any schools on the injunction list.

B. Policy 1200 Title I Parent and Family Engagement, revised - Second Read

Mr. Munoz noted that there have been changes to Title I and that it is now for all subjects, not only math. There have been updates in the federal statutes. Title I mechanism belongs with the school improvement teams.

On a motion by Mr. Munoz, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the revised policy.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Health & Wellness

IX. 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

A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(3) School Security

B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Employee Job Performance - Superintendent's Job Performance and Employment Contract; Individual has been notified, including their right to have any discussion held in open session

At 6:53 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.

X. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session

On a motion by Mr. Munoz, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn executive session and reconvene open session at 9:05 pm.

XI. Seal Executive Session Minutes of October 1, 2024 and Disclosure of Executive Session Votes of October 1, 2024.

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to Seal the Executive Session minutes of October 1, 2024.



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

XII. Adjournment

At 9:07 pm, on a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey
School Committee Clerk

Minutes taken by Mrs. Healey and Ms. Powell

Approved 10-22-24