



East Greenwich School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

5:00 pm

Archie R. Cole Middle School, 100 Cedar Avenue, EG

Minutes

Those in attendance

School Committee: Ms. Clare Cecil-Karb; Mr. William Hangan; Ms. Melissa Larsen (arrived at 5:54 pm); Mr. Tim Munoz; Ms. Alyson Powell; Dr. Eugene Quinn; Mr. Kevin Wright

Additional Attendees: Attorney Aubrey Lombardo, Dr. Brian Ricca, Mrs. Amy Healey, School Committee Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Healey called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. School Committee Organization

A. Election of School Committee Chair

Ms. Cecil-Karb nominated Ms. Alyson Powell as School Committee Chair. Mr. Munoz seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, the Committee voted 6-0 to elect Ms. Powell as School Committee Chair for the ensuing two years. Ms. Larsen was not present for the vote.

B. Election of School Committee Vice-Chair

Mr. Munoz nominated Dr. Quinn as School Committee Vice Chair. Ms. Cecil-Karb seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, the Committee voted 5-0 to elect Dr. Quinn as the School Committee Vice Chair for the ensuing two years. Dr. Quinn did not participate in the vote. Ms. Larsen was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Committee voted 6-0 (Ms. Larsen was not present for the vote) 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

- A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(8) Student Disciplinary Hearing - Individual has been notified including their right to have any discussion held in open session.
- 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.

IV. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Larsen, the Committee voted 7-0, to adjourn executive session and reconvene open session.

V. Seal Executive Session Minutes of December 17, 2024 and disclosure of Executive Session votes of December 17, 2024.

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Committee voted 7-0, to Seal the Executive Session minutes of December 17, 2024.

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

VI. Public Comment

VII. School Committee Committee Appointments

- 1. Facilities Subcommittee Chair & SC Members
- 2. Finance Subcommittee Chair & SC Members
- 3. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Chair & SC Members
- 4. Policy Subcommittee Chair & SC Members
- 5. Liaison to Special Education Advisory Committee & SC Members
- 6. Liaison to Town Council
- 7. Personnel Subcommittee Chair & SC Members

Ms. Powell explained that all existing School Committee members will continue on their current subcommittees. Recommended additions include:

Personnel

Mr. Wright - Chair

Mr. Munoz - SC Member

Policy

Ms. Larsen - SC Member

On a motion by Mr. Munoz, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the recommended appointments to the School Committee subcommittees.

VIII. Student Disciplinary Hearing

IX. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Hangan, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 4-0-3 to approve the minutes of November 12, 2024. Mr. Wright, Ms. Larsen and Ms. Cecil-Karb abstained from the vote.

B. Executive Session Minutes of December 5, 2024

C. Special Session Minutes of December 5, 2024

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 4-0-3 to approve both sets of minutes of December 5, 2024. Mr. Hangan, Ms. Larsen and Mr. Wright abstained from the vote.

D. Joint SC-TC Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024

On a motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 6-0-1 to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024. Mr. Munoz abstained from the vote.

X. Action Items

A. Student Disciplinary Appeal

Mr. Munoz made a motion to reject the student disciplinary appeal and uphold the Superintendent's disciplinary decision. Dr. Quinn seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 7-0.

B. School Committee Approval of Superintendent's Employment Contract

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 4-1-2 to approve the Superintendent's Contract. Mr. Munoz voted against the motion. Ms. Larsen and Mr. Wright abstained from the vote.

C. Appointment of School Committee Members to Negotiating Teams

- i. EG Custodian/Maintenance Association NEARI/NEA
- ii. EG Association of Educational Support Personnel
- iii. EGEA NEARI/NEA

Ms. Powell recommended School Committee Member appointments to the negotiating teams.

EG Custodians/Maintenance Association NEARI/NEA

Ms. Powell, Mr. Hangan, Ms. Larsen

EGA/ESP

Ms. Powell, Dr. Quinn, Mr. Wright

EGEA NEARI/NEA

Ms. Powell, Mr. Munoz, Ms. Cecil-Karb

On a motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the recommended appointments to the negotiating teams.

D. School Committee Approval of Homeschool Request A

On the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent Courtemanche-O'Brien, a motion to deny Homeschool Request "A" was made by Ms. Cecil-Karb. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hangan. The Committee voted 7-0 to deny Homeschool Request "A".

E. School Committee Approval of Homeschool Requests B and C

On the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent Courtemanche-O'Brien, a motion to approve Homeschool Requests "B" and "C" was made by Ms. Cecil-Karb. The motion was seconded by Mr. Munoz. The Committee voted 7-0 to approve Homeschool Requests "B" and "C".

F. School Committee Approval of EGPS Organizational Chart

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 7-0 to table approval of the EGPS Organizational Chart.

G. School Committee Approval of RIDE Grant, Arts II in the amount of \$89,367

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the RIDE Grants, Arts II in the amount of \$89,357.

H. School Committee Approval of STRAXIS supplemental contract document, *Task Description*

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Larsen, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the STRAXIS Task Description.

I. School Committee Approval of McDermott Pool Rental Contract in the amount of \$7,961

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Larsen, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the McDermott Pool Rental Contract in the amount of \$7,961.

- J. School Committee Approval of Bid Award and Purchase of Playground Equipment to O'Brien & Sons in the amount of \$100,315.52

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the bid award and purchase of playground equipment to O'Brien & Sons in the amount of \$100,315.52

- K. School Committee Approval of Bid Award and Purchase to Douglas Equipment in the amount of \$12,369.25 - gas convection oven for East Greenwich High School

On a motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the bid award and purchase of a gas convection oven to Douglas Equipment in the amount of \$12,369.25.

- L. School Committee Approval of Additional Stipend Position at EGHS - Coordinator for Social and Emotional Learning in the amount of \$10,000

Dr. Ricca explained that EGHS administration is one of the most thinly staffed high schools in the state. Post COVID, student and adult social and emotional health is in need of attention. The addition of this position is a creative way to address some of the identified needs at the high school. This will help to give Dr. Page and Ms. Sylvia more time in classrooms. \$7500 will come from grants and \$2500 will come from school funds.

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Cecil-Karb, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the additional stipend position in the amount of \$10,000.

- M. School Committee Approval of Overnight Field Trip - EGHS Model UN, Cambridge, MA

On a motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve EGHS Model UN's overnight field trip.

XI. Superintendent and Staff Reports (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. School Construction Update
- B. Finance Report
- C. Strategic Plan Pillar 4 Report
- D. Special Education Report

E. Program of Studies

On a motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Hangan, the Committee voted 7-0 to table Items XI. A - D.

E. Program of Studies

EGHS Principal Dr. Pat Page, EGHS Assistant Principal Molly Sylvia and EGPS Guidance Chair Anne-Marie Flaherty

Goals

- Review approach to operationalizing graduation requirements
 - World language implementation
 - Mathematics
- Outline course progressions (e.g. Science)
- Highlight LifeSkills, Computer Science, Avenger Success

8th Grade Student / Rising Freshman

- Post-Secondary Interests
- Teacher and Counselor Recommendations
- Pathways
- Development Targets
- Learning Plans
- State and Local Graduation Requirements
- Peer Mentors
- Family Conversations

EGHS Credit Requirements

2028 Graduation Requirement Changes and Implications

- Algebra II + 4th year advanced mathematics
- 2 Lab Sciences
- Proficiency in Civics
- .5 Computer Science proficiency requirement
- 2 credits of sequential levels of same language
- Financial Literacy (2024) and Arts proficiency
- Completion of resume (Sr. Project option) and FAFSA notification

Life Skills - Unified

Science Sequence

Grade Level	Honors	College/Career Prep
9	317 Honors Biology w/ lab	325 Biology w/ lab 325A Unified Science - Biology
10	327 Honors Chemistry w/ lab	315 Introduction to Physics 311A Unified Science - Earth & Space
11	354 AP Physics 1 w/lab	334A Conceptual Chemistry w/ lab 335 Chemistry w/ lab 335A Unified Science - Chemistry

Honors & Advanced Placement Courses Offered

Honors	Concurrent Enrollment	Advanced Placement
English 1, English 2, American Lit, British Lit, Contemporary Lit, Creative Writing, Writing 104, Introduction to Literature	Writing 104, Introduction to Literature	English Literature & Composition English Language & Composition
World Civilization, Sociology, Big History		US Government & Politics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Psychology, US History
Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, Earth/Space Science, Biotechnology		Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics C, Environmental Science
Advanced Algebra 2, Calculus	Intro to Computing & Data Science, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A	Calculus AB, Computer Science Ad, Computer Science Principles, Pre-Calculus
Advanced Latin A, Advanced Latin B, French 5, Spanish 5, Spanish 6		Spanish Language, French Language
2D Art 3, Portfolio, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band	Entrepreneurship Capstone, CADD, Personal Finance, Accounting, History of Rock and Roll I and II, Engineering, 2-D Studio Art 2,	2D Art & Design

	Entrepreneurship in Art and Design	
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Scheduling: How it works

- 1) Load student requests into *Aspen*
- 2) Set sections in consult with Dept Chair and Principals
- 3) Make adjustments align needs and requests

Primary Factors Influencing the Final Schedule

- Impact on Class Size
- Required vs. Electives
- Waiver Process
- State Graduation Requirements
- Staffing Considerations
- Pathways / CTE Programs

The Program of Studies is a compendium of available courses. It is not designed nor could it fully account for the varied, student-centered implementation models.

There was a discussion about waivers and the ability to open up additional class sections to students.

Ms. Flaherty explained Avenger Success.

Ms. Powell explained that the approval of the Program of Studies is a first step. There will be a full curriculum review in the new year.

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Cecil-Karb, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Program of Studies.

XII. Subcommittees

A. Policy

Dr. Ricca announced that all 6 EGPS schools earned a 5 star rating from RIDE.

XIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 7-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey
School Committee Clerk

Approved 1-14-25