

*East Granby Board of Education  
East Granby, CT 06026  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Budget Workshop  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024*

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**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina (5:11pm)  
Mr. John Welsh  
Mr. Mark Andrews (virtual)  
Mrs. Whitney Burns  
Mr. Ricky Bortz  
Mrs. Lisa Griffin (left 6:15pm)

**Others Present:**

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Mary Hiney, Business Manager  
Todd Zessin, BOF Member  
Hannah Stack, Accounts Payable Specialist

**Board Member Absent:**

Mrs. Amanda Cormier  
Mr. John Corcoran

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**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

With a quorum present, the budget workshop was called to order at 5:03 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Discuss Budget Needs for 2024-2025**

- Pure rollover – 10.42% increase
- Biggest challenge - salaries in grants from previous years
- Unknowns – fuel and electricity rates
- Requested year over year grant amounts
- Reducing bus fleet by one (7 to 6)
- Evaluating Open Choice seats
- Examined programs and position reduction possibilities

Future Item: Update accounting of principal's fund

**III. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to adjourn the workshop. The workshop was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Bortz  
Board Secretary