

**East Granby Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, December 9, 2024**

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**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz  
Mr. John Welsh  
Mrs. Lynn Landolina  
Mr. Mark Andrews  
Mr. Dreux Namnoun  
Mrs. Amanda Cormier  
Mr. Ricky Bortz  
Mrs. Lisa Griffin  
Mrs. Whitney Burns

**Others Present:**

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent  
Mary Hiney, Business Manager  
Hansika Lenkala, Student Representative  
Marjorie Light, Director Curriculum/PD

**Board Members Absent:**

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

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**a. Approve Minutes from the November 25, 2024 regular meeting**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2024 regular meeting as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Additions to Agenda - None**

**c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None**

**II. Chairperson’s Report**

Bob Paskiewicz wished everyone a happy holiday and noted subcommittees will be assigned in January.

**III. Superintendent’s Report**

**a. Capstone**

Lisa Griffin provided an update from the Curriculum committee and overall summary of new requirements. Marjorie Light expounded on state requirements. Capstone is no longer required by the state as of July 1st. Districts to remove as mandated graduate requirement but may choose to keep as elective or independent study. Hansika Lenkala provided perspective as student. Board members discussed opinions on matter and came to agreement that for current school year to maintain Capstone as planned due to school being already in session. Will add to future agenda as action item to address East Granby policy for Capstone for future school years.

**b. Bus Update**

The Thursday meeting was cancelled. Short term plan is being evaluated to shorten bus 4 route. Long term plan being investigated of new concept of bus routes but will not go in effect until next school year after full evaluation and dry runs. Board recommended reviewing bus contract to ensure all contractual obligations being met.

**IV. Recommended Actions**

**a. Approve November 2024 Financial Report**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the November 2024 Financial Report as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

**b. Approve School Year Calendar 2025-2026**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to discuss the School Year Calendar for 2025-2026. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Marjorie gave an overview including updated PDEC recommendations and reviewed the state requirements (state minimum 18 hours). After discussion of board members, John Welsh motioned to table the motion, Lynn Landolina seconded tabling the motion. Calendar to be updated as discussed; key points being PD Day October 13th, and no school / off on November 11th, no half day as proposed on November 25th and remainder on proposed calendar remains the same. To be actioned next meeting.

**c. Approve Revised Increasing Educator Diversity (IED) Plan**

Melissa presented the updated plan. No action from the board was required.

**V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- a. Capstone
- b. School Year Calendar 2025-2026
- c. Subcommittee Assignments
- d. Softball Co-Op Agreement
- e. NESDEC Projected Enrollment Data
- f. Bus Update
- g. Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation

**VI. Comments from Visitors - None**

**VII. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Bortz  
Board Secretary

*These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.*