East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, January 13, 2025

Board Members Present:
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Whitney Burns (7:31 pm)

Others Present:
Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Hansika Lenkala, Student Representative
Varshny Sriganesh, Student Representative (7:03 pm)

Board Members Absent:
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. **Approve Minutes from the December 9, 2024 budget workshop and the December 9, 2024 regular meeting**

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the December 9, 2024 budget workshop and the December 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. **Additions to the Agenda -** None

c. **Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items -** None

II. Board Elections

a. **Elect Board Officers 2025**

MOTION: John Welsh made a motion nominating Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson, Ricky Bortz as Board Vice Chairperson, and Lynn Landolina as Board Secretary. Mark Andrews seconded the motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to close nominations and vote.

The board voted (7-0) to close nominations and voted (7-0) in favor of appointing Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson, Ricky Bortz as Board Vice Chairperson, and Lynn Landolina as Board Secretary. ***Motion passed unanimously.*** Whitney Burns and Lynn Landolina were absent during the vote.

b. **CREC Council Representatives**

MOTION: John Welsh made a motion nominating Dreux Nammoun as the CREC Council Representative. Mark Andrews seconded the motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews to close nominations and vote.

The board voted (7-0) to close nominations and voted (7-0) in favor of appointing Dreux Nammoun as the CREC Council Representative. ***Motion passed unanimously***. Whitney Burns and Lynn Landolina were absent during the vote.

III. Student Representative's Report

Hansika shared her report on the academic and nonacademic events taking place in the elementary schools. Varshny shared her report on the academic and nonacademic events taking place at the middle/high school.

IV. Chairperson's Report

a. **Committee Assignments 2025**

Bob Paskiewicz asked board members to email him the committee(s) they would like to serve on and if they would like to serve as the subcommittee chair. For planning purposes, Melissa asked that the subcommittee chairs provide the weekday and time they intend to hold meetings.

V. Superintendent's Report

a. **NESDEC Enrollment Projections**

Melissa reported that enrollment projections remain flat. There are no significant changes.

b. Resignation/Retirement
Mary Munsell and Marcia Chambers will retire at the end of this school year. Kate Stewart submitted her resignation effective the last day of school.

c. Bus Update
Melissa met with John from M&J Bus. Changes were made to bus #4 to shorten the time of the route. The changes will be monitored to make sure it does not impact any other buses.

VI. Committee Reports

a. **Policy –** On behalf of Lynn Landolina, Bob Paskiewicz announced that Lynn would like to remain as the policy subcommittee chair.
b. **Budget –** The board will vote to adopt the superintendent's budget at their 1/27/25 meeting. The next workshop is scheduled for 2/3/25 at 5:30 pm.
c. **Curriculum** – The board needs to discuss how they want to proceed now that the Capstone Project is no longer a state requirement.
d. **Facilities** – Ricky shared highlights from the last meeting to include HVAC update, facilities rental, door project, and classroom space. Melissa reported on repairs to the tractor and snowblower at the high school, fire alarm work, and tree removal and compressor issue at Seymour. Bob Paskiewicz met with CTEC Solar. CTEC will submit a report.
e. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
f. **Communications –** Nothing to report at this time.

VII. Recommended Actions

a. Approve December 2024 Financials
MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by John Welsh to approve the December 2024 financials 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 table further discussion. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve Field Trip
MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the field trip to Italy during the 2026 April vacation as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve Softball Co-Op
MOTION: a motion was made by Whitney Burns, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the Softball Co-Op with Windsor Locks as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation
b. Capstone Project
c. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
d. Bus Update

IX. Comments from Visitors - None

X. Adjournment
MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline,
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.