

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, February 10, 2025**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mr. John Welsh (7:01 pm)

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Hansika Lenkala, Student Representative
Varshny Sriganesh, Student Representative
Sandy Landolina, Visitor
Joanna Taczanowsky, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mr. Ricky Bortz

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the January 9, 2025 budget workshop and the January 13, 2025 and the January 27, 2025 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Mark Andrews to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2025 budget workshop and the January 13, 2025 and the January 27, 2025 regular meetings as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda – None**c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None****II. Student Representatives Report**

Varshny reported on the elementary schools. She shared event dates, academic highlights, out/indoor activities, and library/technology updates at Allgrove School and the Great Kindness Challenge, Winter Concert, academic highlights, Kids Heart Challenge, Read Across America, and social media presentation at Seymour School.

Hansika reported on happenings in the middle and high school including extra-curricular activities, dances, the new Inventor Club, the spring musical, fundraisers, spirit week, Pops Concert, sports, and mid-terms.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz shared a list of subcommittee members and a copy of a letter from a resident that was sent to Eden Wimpfheimer along with Melissa Bavaro-Grandes's response to the resident.

IV. Superintendent's Report**a. Bus Report**

Melissa shared that the elementary bus route run times for students returning home from school look good. We need to exam a better solution for improving the runs times between Seymour and Allgrove School. Ideas are being looked at, including alternating bus/school drop-off, and dry runs will be made.

V. Committee Reports**a. Policy –** The committee will be meeting on February 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**b. Budget –** The BoE will present their FY2025-26 budget to the BoF at their February 19, 2025 meeting.

- c. **Curriculum** – Lisa Griffin shared a report prepared by the Curriculum Director Marjorie Light. Topics included the Connecticut K-12 Work Language Standards, professional development focus on mathematics and ELA instruction, and Capstone presentations.
- d. **Facilities** – Bob Paskiewicz will arrange a meeting with the committee and CTEC Solar.
- e. **Negotiations** – Mark Andrews would like to schedule a meeting prior to negotiations starting in the fall.
- f. **Communications** – Amanda Cormier would like to meet with new committee members.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve January 2025 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the January 2025 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve PA 13-60 Non-Educational Services

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve the PA 13-60 Non-Educational Services report as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Student Activities

VIII. Comments from Visitors

Sandy Landolina from the food pantry thanked the schools for their participation in the food pantry whether they volunteered, made donations, or held fundraisers.

IX. Executive Session – Superintendent’s Mid-Year Evaluation

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lynn Landolina to enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent’s Mid-Year Evaluation and invited Superintendent Bavaro-Grande to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

The board entered into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, John Welsh, Amanda Cormier, Dreux Namnoun, Mark Andrews, Lisa Griffin, and Melissa Bavaro-Grande.

The board returned to regular session at 8:31 p.m.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Mark Andrews, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.