

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

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Lisa Griffin

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Hansika Lenkala, Student Representative
Varshny Sriganesh, Student Representative
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor
Jeanne D., Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Approve minute from the November 19, 2024 budget workshop, the February 10, 2025 regular meeting, the February 24, 2025 budget workshop, and the February 24, 2025 regular meeting**

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the November 19, 2024 budget workshop, the February 10, 2025 regular meeting, the February 24, 2025 budget workshop, and the February 24, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

- b. Additions to Agenda - None**

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

II. Student Representatives Reports

Varshny reported on recent happenings and upcoming events at the elementary schools including Reading Across America, parent conferences and school supply drive. Hansika reported on academic updates, upcoming events, and clubs at the middle and high school.

Bob Paskiewicz thanked the student representatives and made a request to have the student representatives collect constructive feedback from students regarding the use of cell phones in schools and report back to the BoE. Ricky, Dreux, and Amanda all thanked the student representatives for their reports and made additional requests.

III. Chairperson's Report

The BoE will present a 4.1% budget at the BoF meeting on March 18, 2025.

IV. Superintendent's Report

- a. Retirement -** Paraprofessional, Nancy Okon, will retire at the end of this school year.

- b. District Employee Retirement Dinner Date**

This year's retirement dinner will be held on May 14, 2025 at La Notte in East Windsor.

- c. Capstone Presentations**

The capstone presentation schedule was previously shared with board members. Superintendent Bavaro-Grande encouraged them to attend by contacting Marjorie Light. The superintendent shared that the state changed the directive for capstone projects and they are no longer a graduation requirement. The BoE will vote later to keep capstone as a requirement, make it a 1.0 credit elective, or eliminate it.

d. End of Year Activities

Superintendent pointed out that end of the year activities will be starting soon and reminded everyone to mark their calendars accordingly.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – A subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2025.
- b. Budget** – The board will present their 4.1 % budget at the BoF meeting on March 18th.
- c. Curriculum** – The subcommittee set their meeting calendar. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025 at 5 p.m.
- d. Facilities** – Ricky Bortz shared highlights regarding agenda items from the last meeting.
- e. Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. Communications** – The subcommittee recently met and discussed ideas on future BoE communication including a BoE Facebook page and Google calendar. Regular meetings will take place the second Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve February 2025 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the February 2025 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve to Change Graduation Policy from Capstone as a Requirement to a 1.0 Elective

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve changing the graduation policy from capstone as a requirement to a 1.0 elective beginning SY 25-26. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Amanda Cormier, Lisa Griffin, Ricky Bortz, and Dreux Namnoun. ABSTAINED: John Welsh). ***Motion approved.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Pay to Participate**
- b. Elementary Enrollment**
- c. Student Activities (April)**
- d. Cell Phones**

VIII. Comments from Visitors – Jeff Darmetko inquired about the excess cost reimbursement from the state how it gets allocated.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.