East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, March 24, 2025

Board Members Present:
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Dreux Namnoun

Board Members Absent:
Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Ricky Bortz

Others Present:
Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Antonio (Tony) DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Wayne Hayes, Visitor
Joanna Taczanowsky, Visitor
Laura Namnoun, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina to add item IVb. Approve Use of Non-Lapsing Funds, not to exceed $6,000, for a Geotech Report. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

The BoE presented a 4.1% BoF directed budget at the recent BoF meeting. The BoF will provide feedback and directive to the BoE at their April 9th meeting for the public hearing presentation.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Last Day of School

The last day of school for students will be June 13, 2025 and June 16, 2025 for teachers.

b. Elementary Enrollment

Melissa shared an update on student enrollment for grades K-5. As of March 12, 2025, class sizes are within policy guidelines. She will continue to check on occupancy at the new development.

c. Pay to Participate

A handout on Pay to Participate (P2P) from 9 out of the 13 NCCC Schools who responded to a survey was outlined by Melissa and Tony DeMelo. The survey compared P2P fees, cap, cap structure, and if fees included middle school students and activities other than athletics. The handout also included information on co-op opportunities and P2P.

d. Cell Phones

Tony DeMelo shared parent input that was collected last summer and survey results from high school parents, students, and staff regarding cell phone use in schools. Melissa shared information from a two day conference she recently attended. The policy subcommittee will meet to review the current policy and the Shipman & Goodwin model policy. They will generate a revised policy with language that will dictate future cell phone usage and present it to the entire board for approval.

e. Detail Budget Summary for Schools/Programs

Melissa shared a 25-26 Detail Budget that is summarized by organization code and by school (department). It will be presented at the town meeting and posted on the district website.

f. Statement from CSDE Regarding Funding from the U.S. Department of Education

Melissa read a letter from the CSDE dated 3/21/25 announcing that the CSDE is not experiencing any interruption in federal funding and they will continue to monitor the situation at the federal and state level.

IV. Recommended Actions

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds in the amount of $4,700 for mulch at Seymour, and funds, not to exceed $35,000 for blinds/window tint at Allgrove and the middle/high school. ***Motion approved unanimously.***
MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds, not to exceed $,6000, for a Geotech report. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. **Student Activities Report - April**
b. **Pay to Participate**

VI. Comments from Visitors

Laura Namnoun thanked board members for having cell phones on tonight's meeting agenda.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION**:** a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk