East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, June 9, 2025

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Mrs. Lynn Landolina	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mr. John Welsh	Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Ray Carlson, Facilities
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Joanna Taczanowsky, Visitor
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Amanda Copeland, Visitor

Board Members Absent:
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Whitney Burns

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the May 12, 2025 and the May 27, 2025 regular meetings, and the May 29, 2025 Policy Subcommittee Meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025 and the May 27, 2025 regular meetings, and the May 29, 2025 Policy Subcommittee meeting as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to add item Ve. Approve Social Media Board of Education Informational Account to the agenda. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz shared that the superintendent search is ongoing. He is sorry to miss his first graduation in 35 years; Amanda Cormier will say a few congratulatory remarks on behalf of the board. The board received correspondence from the EGEA President which was deferred to the superintendent to communicate with the president about the progress in all concerned areas. Bob thanked the groups individually that were involved in organizing the middle school Community Field Day he recently attended.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Personnel Update

Cindy Williams, a paraprofessional at Allgrove School, will be retiring June 13, 2025 and Sophia Levesque, also a paraprofessional at Allgrove School, submitted her resignation effective June 13, 2025.

b. HS Roof Update

The high school roof located over the new gym was not part of the renovation and needs replacing. Bob Paskiewicz added that it was not part of renovation because the roof has to be 20 years old in order to receive state reimbursement. Melissa would like to start the process and get everything in order for next year. The project is currently part of the BoE capital plan for 26-27 in the amount of $2,100,000.

c. **HVAC Update**

Melissa shared the Building Committee report. The HVAC system at the middle/high school is expected to be completed by the end of July 2025. The town received state reimbursement on June 4, 2025 in the amount of $269,590. We will apply for a second reimbursement. Bob Paskiewicz thanked Ray Carlson for his hard work and for saving the district money.

IV. Committee Reports

a. **Policy –** The subcommittee made significant progress reviewing the Shipman and Goodwin model policy series. They will thoroughly read through them again before bringing them to the entire board. They hope to adopt them for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

b. **Budget –** Nothing to report at this time.

c. **Curriculum** – Lisa Griffin announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 5pm. She also shared information regarding high school online courses, conversations from the last PDEC meeting, and the UConn Early College Experience (ECE) Program.

d. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time. Negotiations will begin this fall.

e. **Facilities** – Ricky shared highlights from the minutes of the May 19, 2025 facilities meeting. Discussion took place on when the best time would be to treat the athletic fields and the challenges they will face as the fields need to rest for 30 days after being treated.

f. **Communications** – Dreux reported on informational platforms and ideas, such as a shared BoE calendar and social media Facebook page, the subcommittee discussed at their last meeting.

V. Recommended Actions

a. **Appoint Sara Kleinman to Serve on The Suffield Regional Agriscience Center Consulting Committee**

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to appoint Sara Kleinman to serve on The Suffield Regional Agriscience Center Consulting Committee. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. **Approve Capital Request to the BoF – Parking Lot Repairs**

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve Capital Request to the BoF for parking lot repairs.

Ray Carlson explained the discrepancy in the cost of the quotes and stated that there is no need for the higher cost quote; the lower cost quote is all we need for repairs. Melissa recommended that the amount not exceed $10,000. John Welsh amended his motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve Capital Request to the BoF for parking lot repairs, not to exceed $10,000. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. **Approve Facility Item Repair Needs – Steam Traps at Allgrove and MS/HS HVAC**

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Lynn Landolina, for steam traps at Allgrove School, not to exceed $8,000, and for replacement of the secondary operating compressor at the middle/high school, not to exceed $12,000. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. **Approve May 2025 Financials**

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by John Welsh, to approve the May 2025 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

e. **Approve Social Media Board of Education Informational Account**

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, for the Communications Subcommittee to explore a social media Facebook page to share communications on behalf of the BoE.

Dreux shared the idea the Communications Subcommittee has for creating another vehicle to communicate information and have more people in the know. It would be for informational purposes only. Comments can be disabled if need be. John Welsh recommended having the information approved by the entire board before posting. Bob Paskiewicz commented that it is a way for the board to be proactive and get information out there. Dreux added that the three members of the Communications Subcommittee would have mechanisms in place. Ricky Bortz would like to see a prototype for the BoE to approved before publishing it. Dreux amended his motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to create a Facebook page on behalf of the BoE but not publish it until the board approves it. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, Ricky Bortz, Lisa Griffin, and Dreux Namnoun. OPPOSED: John Welsh). ***Motion approved.***

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Elementary Enrollment

b. Girls Golf Team for Spring 2026

VII. Comments from Visitors

Amanda Copeland advocated for a girls golf team.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk