

**East Granby Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes for
Monday, August 18, 2025**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mr. John Welsh
Mr. Mark Andrews

Others Present:

Melissa Bavaro-Grande, Superintendent
Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Joanna Taczanowsky, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mrs. Whitney Burns

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 July 1, 2025 and the July 3, 2025 special meetings, and the July 28, 2025 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by John Welsh to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2025 and the July 3, 2025 special meetings, and the July 28, 2025 regular meeting as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz thanked the board members for the work and hours they contributed towards the search for a new superintendent. Bob then welcomed our new Superintendent, Suzanne Palmieri, to her first Board of Education meeting and her first day of work.

Bob reminded everyone that a Meet and Greet for Joshua Martin, the new Director of Student Support Services, will be held August 19, 2025 at the East Granby Community Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Elementary School Enrollment Update

Melissa Bavaro-Grande shared the student enrollment numbers for grades K-5 and the projected number of students per section for the 25-26 school year. The district will keep a close eye on the new apartment and housing development and how it impacts student enrollment. Earlier, the administrators discussed having a paraprofessional assigned to Seymour School to provide support to children in grades 3 through 5. The board discussed space in the elementary schools.

b. Personnel Update / Retirement

Molly Cunningham and Chanthavone Huber were recently hired as paraprofessionals. Longtime employee, Tom Carroll, announced his retirement effective immediately. Tom worked as a per diem substitute teacher and paraprofessional since March 2007.

c. Opening Week of Schools

Melissa shared opening week of school events.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy

A policy subcommittee meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

- **SECOND READ – BoE Facebook Page Bylaw 9024**

The board reviewed the bylaw. Dreux suggested changing Pre-planned Scheduled Posts to Pre-planned Scheduled Posts Topics under Types of Posts and Approval Process.

- **FIRST READ – Use of Private Technology Devices by Students Policy 5034**

Additional wording was suggested by Melissa along with the high school principal. The wording will be added and a second read will take place before the board votes on it.

b. Budget – Nothing to report at this time.

c. Curriculum – Nothing to report at this time.

d. Negotiations – Negotiations for both certified and noncertified personnel will begin this fall.

e. Facilities – A meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the capital plan.

f. Communications – Dreux shared his excitement and advocated for the BoE Facebook Page Bylaw.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve BoE Facebook Page Bylaw 9024

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the BoE Facebook Page Bylaw 9024 with the addition of the word ‘Topics’ as discussed. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Graduation Date for 2026

VII. Comments from Visitors

Joanna Taczanowsky welcomed Suzanne Palmieri and thanked Melissa Bavaro for her many years of dedicated service.

VIII. Executive Session - Personnel Matter – New Superintendent’s Contract for 2025-26

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lynn Landolina to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the new Superintendent’s contract for 2025-26. The board invited Suzanne Palmieri to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Board Members Present: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, John Welsh, Dreux Namnoun, Mark Andrews. **Others Present:** Suzanne Palmieri.

The board returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

IX. Recommended Action

a. Approve New Superintendent's Contract for 2025-26

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the new Superintendent's contract for 2025-26. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

X. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the special meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynn Landolina
Board Secretary

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.