East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 8, 2025

Board Members Present:
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. John Welsh
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Dreux Namnoun

Others Present:
Suzanne M. Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Laura Namnoun, Visitor
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor
David Gilroy, Visitor

Board Members Absent:
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
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 August 13, 2025 and August 18, 2025 special meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025 and the August 18, 2025 special meetings as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by John Welsh, to add item IVd. Approve CSDE Child Nutrition Program – Authorized Signatures to the agenda. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items

Laura Namnoun commented on the use of cell phones in schools by students.

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz reported that this year's school opening went smoothly and shared Dreux's suggestion of performing a walk-through prior to school opening to check their condition.

Bob congratulated EGHS for being recognized again in the U.S News World Report as one of the nation's Best High Schools and that 86.7% of last year's grade 5 students met or exceeded the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Amanda Cormier added that these students were in kindergarten during the COVID-19 pandemic.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Policy 5034 – SECOND READ

Board members shared their concerns and suggestions regarding the policy. Ultimately, it was decided to have the policy subcommittee review it again prior to board approval.

b. Capital Plan

Suzanne shared a bulleted list of the changes the facilities subcommittee made to the 5-Year Capital Plan and asked board members if they had any questions.

c. Facilities Update MS/HS

Superintendent Palmieri shared an update and next steps regarding the recent concern in the middle/high school auditorium and related music spaces. Air units are operating as normal and air testing by Environmental Eagle, deep cleaning, and instrument care are all being performed.

d. Financial Update

Mary Hiney provided a financial update on current operational and financial matters for FY 24-25 and FY 25-26 and preliminary financial notes and amounts that are subject to change as we finalize year-end numbers.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Policy 5034

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by John Welsh, to return policy 5034 to the policy subcommittee for further review. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Capital Plan

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve the 5-Year Capital Plan as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve Graduation Date 2026

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve June 11, 2026 as the graduation date for the Class of 2026. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve CSDE Child Nutrition Program – Authorized Signatures

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the Superintendent and Business Manager as authorized signers for claim reimbursement for the CSDE Child Nutrition Program as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

V. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

a. Approve Policy 5034

VI. Comments from Visitors

Jeff Darmetko inquired about the condition of the high school auditorium and band classrooms. Superintendent Palmieri will update the community at-large once we receive the air testing results from Environmental Eagle.

Laura Namnoun suggested getting input from teachers on student cell phone use.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.