East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 22, 2025

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mr. John Welsh	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Joshua Martin, Director of Student Support Services
Mrs. Amanda Cormier	Mandi Dziedzic, Visitor
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Jeff Darmetko, Visitor
Mr. Mark Andrews	

Board Members Absent:
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Whitney Burns

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. **Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items** - None

II. Chairperson's Report

The Board of Education presented their five-year capital plan at the recent Board of Finance meeting.

Bob Paskiewicz gave a shout out to Alison Chaloux and the marching band for participating in Band Day and performing at the recent UCONN football game.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. **Audit Update**
Mary Hiney reported that the auditors finished their field work on September 18, 2025. The process went smoothly and we expect to receive final audited figures in November.

b. **Personnel Update**
Jerri Prendergast and Jennifer Hecht were recently hired as paraprofessionals.

c. **Policy 5034 – THIRD READ**
The policy was reviewed by the policy subcommittee.

d. **Explore Student Support Services Collaboration with Suffield**
Joshua Martin provided an overview of the cost savings and other benefits of pooling resources and collaborating with Suffield. The program would involve hiring new staff who would be Suffield employees. Depending on a variety of factors, the program is anticipated to start in August of 2026. East Granby would first have to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Suffield.

e. **Explore Phase I of the 5 Year Strategic Plan**
Suzanne introduced the concept, initial plans, and purpose of the Strategic Plan and asked for support from the entire community. Ultimately, a draft of the plan will be presented to the BoE for approval in the spring of 2026.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve July 2025 and August 2025 Financials

MOTION**:** a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to approve the July 2025 and the August 2025 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Policy 5034 – THIRD READ

MOTION**:** a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve Policy 5034 as presented.

John Welsh suggested removing the comma after the word staff and the following word "except" in the first paragraph under Use of Privately Owned Technological Devices and changing "The Board" to "The Board's designee" in the first sentence of paragraph one under Access to Board Technology Resources.

Dreux Namnoun withdrew his motion, seconded by Lisa Griffin.

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve Policy 5034 with the suggested revisions of removing the comma and the word except and changing "The Board" to "The Board's designee". ***Motion approved unanimously.***

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. District Achievement Presentation October 27, 2025

VI. Comments from Visitor

Mandi Dziedzic expressed her concern for music education and its limitations.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION**:** a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Ricky Bortz to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion passed unanimously.*** The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.