East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

Others Present:
Suzanne M. Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amani Akedde-Bernstein, Student Representative
Daniel Jacius, Student Representative
David Gilroy, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Paskiewicz called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the September 8, 2025 and September 22, 2025 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025 and September 22, 2025 regular meetings as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Amani Akedde-Bernstein and Daniel Jacius introduced themselves to board members. Both students are juniors who will be representing the student body at Board of Education meetings. Amani shared information on events and activities taking place in the elementary schools and Daniel shared information about middle and high school activities. Daniel also asked board members questions regarding the new policy on the use of cell phones.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz shared that the Board of Finance (BoF) asked that the BoE prioritize their Five-year Capital Plan. Bob asked board members if they would like to comment on the construction of a warehouse behind the middle/high school and the use of tractor trailers. Board members can share their point of view, but ultimately, it is up to Planning & Zoning and the Building department.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on Strategic Planning

Suzanne shared information about the upcoming Strategic Planning interactive workshops.

b. Demographic Data

Data was shared with board members that shows a low student enrollment if we stay as is for the next twenty years. The Strategic Planning workshops will be helpful in discussing what do we want to do. We can then present the plan to the BoF and align the strategic planning workshops with the priorities of the Five-year Capital Plan.

c. **Proposal: Pilot Student Led Groups**
Suzanne would like to institute student led groups. The groups would need to meet certain requirements such as having a stipend of record. The groups would not be part of the certified union and would not involve paid stipends. Teacher, students, and members of the community can volunteer to help run them.

d. **Student Services Representation Update**
Shipman & Goodwin agreed to represent East Granby Public Schools in connection with special education, student services and related matters.

V. Committee Reports

a. **Policy -** The committee recently met and finished editing the last two model policies. The hope is to have the FIRST READ of all the policies at the next BoE meeting.
b. **Budget –** Nothing to report at this time.
c. **Curriculum -** Lisa Griffin shared highlights from the committee report including the new state requirement to post curriculum online, Superintendent Palmieri will meet with all curriculum leaders, scope and sequence documents used to plan the pace of learning units, and the high school's new classes to earn UCONN credits.
d. **Facilities -** A meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss space rental.
e. **Negotiations –** Negotiations for certified staff have begun. Weekly meetings have been scheduled with a mediation date of December 10, 2025.
f. **Communications** – Dreux provided an update on the BoE Facebook page and the number of followers.

VI. Recommended Actions

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the September 2025 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve adding Suzanne Palmieri to the Northwest Community Bank (milk, scholarship) and the Windsor Federal Bank (Student Activity) accounts as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the Use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed $30,000, for mildew remediation in the high school auditorium, band room, and chorus room. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. **School Calendar for 2026-2027**
b. **Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2026**
c. **District Achievement Presentation October 27, 2025**

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. 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.