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

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Suzanne M. Palmieri, Superintendent
Mr. John Welsh	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Daniel Jacius, Student Representative
Mr. Mark Andrews	Joshua Martin, Director of Student Support Services
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Anne McCluskey, Visitor
Mrs. Amanda Cormier	Kristi Smith, Visitor
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Lindsey Romano, Visitor
	Brett Lowman, Visitor
Board Members Absent:	Laura Namnoun, Visitor
Mrs. Whitney Burns	David Gilroy,Visitor
Mrs. Lynn Landolina	Liddy Doyle, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve Minutes from the November 10, 2025 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025 regular meeting as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items – None

II. Student Representatives' Report

Daniel reported on sports, concerts, the food drive, homecoming dance, and other happenings taking place in the middle/high school.

III. Chairperson's Report

The board will welcome incoming member, David Gilroy, at the first meeting in January. At that time, nominations and voting will take place for officers and board members can select the subcommittee(s) they would like to serve on.

Bob, as well as Suzanne, recently attended the CABE/CAPSS Convention and found it to be very informative.

On behalf of the BoE, Bob presented John Welsh with a plaque and thanked him for his ten years of service. This is John's last meeting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Strategic Planning Update and Invitation

Superintendent Palmieri shared the data collected at the January 7, 2025 Strategic Workshop and the collaboration with the community and students. The next Strategic Workshop will be held January 7, 2026 at 6:30 in the community center. Virtual workshops are being planned in January for those who were not able to attend the previous workshops. Suzanne also shared that she recently visited classrooms at the middle and high school and will be visiting the elementary classrooms as well.

b. **Update on Student Support Services Collaboration with Suffield**
Mr. Martin shared that he met with the Directors to review the current plans, needs, and what to consider in building this program. The space is adjacent to Suffield Town Hall and would be a separate campus.

c. **Follow-Up on High School Students Technology Regulations and Usage**
Superintendent Palmieri discussed with Principal DeMelo and Steve Mosher from IT, the technology sites high school students are able to access. They are considering giving grade 11 and 12 students access to Gemini. A list of sites will be reviewed and parameters will be put in place before access is given.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve the Use of Non-Lapsing Funds ($16,000) to Purchase Boiler Part

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds for $16,100 to purchase boiler part. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve the High School HVAC Project 040-001HVACN

MOTION: a motion was made by Drew Namnoun, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve the high school HVAC Project 040-001HVACN as completed. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve November 2025 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by John Welsh, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the November 2025 Financial Report as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2026

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the Board of Education meeting calendar for 2026 as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

e. Approve School Year Calendar 2026-2027

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the School Year Calendar for 2026-2027.

After board members discussed teacher professional development days and Veterans Day, it was suggested to have the PDEC committee review the calendar again. Lisa Griffin withdrew her motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Drew Namnoun, to table the motion. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve School Year Calendar 2026-2027
b. NESDEC Projected Enrollment Data
c. Approve Shipman & Goodwin Model Policies

VII. Comments from Visitors

Laura Namnoun provided a day in the life of a secretary. With the upcoming noncertified staff negotiations, she will also share the day in the life of a paraprofessional and custodian.

VIII. 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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.