

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, January 12, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. David Gilroy
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Ricky Bortz

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Danny Jacius, Student Representative
Amani Akedde-Bernstein, Student Representative
Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director
Jennifer Kovalski
Dustin Copeland
Pat McKenney
Kerri Cavanaugh
Jen LoVoi
Lisa Wilcox
Laura Namnoun
Kevin Clemens
Kristy Preli

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Superintendent Palmieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve Minutes from the December 8, 2025 budget workshop and the December 8, 2025 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Bob Paskiewicz to approve the December 8, 2025 budget workshop and the December 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

With negotiations coming up soon for noncertified staff, Laura Namnoun shared the “day in the life” of a custodian and thoughts from a special education paraprofessional. Jennifer Kovalski shared her support for noncertified staff members and invited board members to ask questions about their job duties.

II. Board Elections

a. Elect Board Officers 2026

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina nominating Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson, Whitney Burns seconded the motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier to close nominations for Board Chairperson and vote.

The board voted (7-0) to close nominations and voted (7-0) in favor of appointing Bob Paskiewicz as Board Chairperson. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Bob Paskiewicz thanked the board and announced that this would be his last year serving as Board Chair.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina nominating Ricky Bortz as Board Vice Chairperson, Dreux Namnoun seconded the motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin to close nominations for Board Vice Chairperson and vote.

The board voted (7-0) to close nominations and voted (7-0) in favor of appointing Ricky Bortz as Board Chairperson. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier nominating Lynn Landolina as Board Secretary, Lisa Griffin seconded the motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier to close nominations for Board Secretary and vote.

The board voted (7-0) to close nominations and voted (7-0) in favor of appointing Lynn Landolina as Board Secretary. **Motion passed unanimously.**

b. CREC Council Representatives

David Gilroy will consider volunteering as CREC Council Representative after he attends an upcoming CREC meeting to get a better understanding of what it involves.

III. Student Representative's Report

Both student representatives advocated for schedule reform and asked that the board consider an eight period or block schedule. This would allow student to take more classes.

IV. Chairperson's Report

a. Committee Assignments 2026

Bob Paskiewicz asked board members to email him if they want to change their committee assignment(s) or committee chair from 2025.

V. Superintendent's Report

a. Allgrove Boiler Update

F+F Mechanical was given the go ahead to start working on the new boiler. Classroom mini-splits are providing adequate heat in the meantime.

b. Strategic Planning Update and Invitation – Career Connected Micro Pathway Proposals

Suzanne shared data from the last strategic workshop – Truth in Numbers. The data will also be posted on the website. The next in-person workshop, What Matters Most, is January 22, 2026 where the community can help prioritize our five-year plan. If you missed any of the workshops, virtual ones are being offered. Suzanne provided an overview of the low cost/no cost Career Connected Micro Pathway Proposals.

c. NESDEC Enrollment Projections

Suzanne shared the enrollment projection numbers, both PreK-12 and K-12, for next school year. She commented that this projection is where we currently are; however, these numbers do not reflect our projections and plans for increasing student enrollment.

d. IAQ Checklists Available for Inspection

We are required to post our IAQ checklist on the district website. They will be posted tomorrow, January 13, 2026.

e. AI Student Use Update

Gemini is a secure and safe way for students to use AI. We are also looking into GoGuardian to provide safe access to YouTube.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Policy – A meeting has been scheduled for January 21, 2026 at 5 p.m.

b. Budget – Until we are given a directive from the Board of Finance, preliminary discussion is taking place at budget workshops.

c. Curriculum – Marjorie Light provided an update for the coming year, including professional development on AI platforms, mandated trainings, and additional pathways to include in the program of studies.

- d. **Facilities** – Nothing to report at this time.
- e. **Negotiations** – A final draft of the new East Granby teachers’ contract was presented to the union for approval.
- f. **Communications** – Dreux shared the number of posts and followers on the BOE Facebook page and that the subcommittee is looking into additional platforms to disseminate information. They are also open to ideas from the community. Suzanne mentioned LinkedIn.

VII. Recommended Actions

a. Approve December 2025 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to approve the December 2025 financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve School Year Calendar 2026-2027

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve school year calendar 2026-2027.

Suzanne answered questions from the last meeting. She suggested keeping the calendar as presented except having school in session on November 3, 2026 and no school on November 11, 2026 in honor of Veterans Day.

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun withdrawing his previous motion and tabling the motion until the next board meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve School Year Calendar 2026-2027

b. Certified Staff Contract

IX. Comments from Visitors

Dustin Copeland asked when he could expect an answer to an email his wife sent. Kristy Preli shared paraprofessionals attend half day PD’s but not full ones. This is something to consider when creating the school calendar. Laura Namnoun is looking forward to noncertified staff negotiations and volunteered to supervise the weight room during open hours. Bob Paskiewicz explained that you have to be certified in order to supervise it.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline,
Board Clerk