

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, January 26, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. David Gilroy
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Dreux Namnoun

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Ricky Bortz

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Joshua Martin
Tony DeMelo
Marsie Luckenbach
Amanda Copeland
Lindsey Romano
Kerri Cavanaugh
Lea Zubretsky
Robert Loomis
Valerie Seaha
Mackenzie Dreiss Zentek

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the virtual meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Additions to the Agenda - None

b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

a. BoF

The BoE presented their budget drivers and audit report at last week's BoF meeting. The BoF will hold a special meeting on January 27, 2026 to consider and Act on Capital Request for the Allgrove boiler.

b. Committee Assignments

Bob compiled a list of assignments he will distribute to everyone. David Gilroy attended a CREC meeting last week. He volunteered to be our CREC representative.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Allgrove Boiler Update

The parts are in and ready to go. The new boiler is covered under insurance with a \$25,000 deductible.

b. New Hires and Coaching Staff

Suzanne shared a list of new hires and coaching staff. Due to a resignation, we posted for a girls' tennis coach.

c. Strategic Planning Update

Suzanne compiled information she received from the community strategic planning workshops and surveys and presented a report on the material along with a five-year plan for BoE feedback and guidance.

d. Request for Future Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation

Suzanne would like to schedule her evaluations whether mid-year, year-end or quarterly.

e. Discuss Hiring Assistant Track Coach Using Pay to Participate

Track consists of a very large group of students. It was suggested hiring an assistant coach using Pay to Participate funds that is available due to the number of students taking track. Bob

Paskiewicz asked if we had money available elsewhere, such as coaching money we did not spend. Mary Hiney will look into it.

f. Discuss the Use of Nonlapsing Funds for Golf Program

Paul Banks would work through East Granby Parks and Recreation to provide another layer of support for golf. Parks and Recreation would then invoice us. Mary Hiney is checking to see if this qualifies as a use of nonlapsing funds as it must be used for educational purposes only.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Approve the East Granby Education Association Contract for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the East Granby Education Association Contract for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029 as presented. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, Mark Andrews, Dreux Namnoun, and Lisa Griffin. ABSTAIN: David Gilroy (we had technically difficulty receiving his vote). **Motion approved.**

c. Approve Hiring Assistant Track Coach Using Pay to Participate

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina. Lisa Griffin suggested tabling it until Mary Hiney looks into using alternative funds. Lynn withdrew her motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to table this item until the next board meeting. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Lynn Landolina, Mark Andrews, Dreux Namnoun, and Lisa Griffin. ABSTAIN: David Gilroy (we had technically difficulty receiving his vote). **Motion approved.**

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation

b. Approve Hiring Assistant Track Coach

VI. Comments from Visitors

Amanda Copeland shared information regarding coaches for winter sports.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk