

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, February 9, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mr. Dave Gilroy

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amani Akedde-Bernstein, Student Representative
Tony DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Pat McKenney, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Lynn Landolina

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the January 12, 2026 budget workshop and the January 12, 2026 and the January 26, 2026 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Dave Gilroy to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 budget workshop and the January 12, 2026 and the January 26, 2026 regular meetings.

The following correction was made to the January 12, 2026 regular minutes: Change Board Chairperson to Board Vice Chairperson in the last paragraph of page one. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda – None

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None

II. Student Representatives Report

Amani shared events, highlights, activities, and happenings taking place in the schools.

III. Chairperson's Report

The following BoE capital items were approved at the Special Town Meeting on February 5, 2026: Dell Server, iPads and cases, Aerohive Wifi, and \$25,000 for the Allgrove boiler.

Bob, along with Jason Hayes, met with a company to check the condition of the tennis courts. A quote was provided and the BoE is looking into collaborating with the town to cover the cost.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Allgrove Boiler Update

The installation of the new boiler is near completion. F+F Mechanical had to address a heating issue at the middle/high school today. The repair was completed and F+F will resume installing the boiler at Allgrove tomorrow.

b. Legislative Updates

Suzanne commented that our school facilities are at a point where the board and community need to decide if we move forward and build new or keep making costly repairs. Suzanne met with Senator John Kissel and State Representative Tami Zawistowski to discuss legislation and grants. There is a possibility that 80-90% of a new build can be funded by the state. Senator Kissel's team is working to make a case and have East Granby be the pilot for a regional hub for a K-12 Vo-Ag program.

c. Celebrations

To celebrate Kindness Week, Superintendent Palmieri created a video to share with the students at Seymour School. Suzanne also reported that Seymour students collected items for the food pantry, a K-5 Special Person Dance was well attended, and she continues to meet and get feedback from the Superintendent's Student Advisory.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – The subcommittee is integrating changes to model policies.
- b. Budget** – The subcommittee meets regularly. The next meeting is February 23, 2026 at 5pm.
- c. Curriculum** – Lisa Griffin shared a report prepared by the Curriculum Director Marjorie Light. Topics included the Program of Studies, Scope and Sequence documents, The HILL for Literacy, instruction on using AI products, and Play-based Learning.
- d. Facilities** – The subcommittee recently met to discuss the use of facilities after hours, update the universal checklist, adding a bio-hazard protocol, and hiring a weekend custodian.
- e. Negotiations** – A non-certified staff negotiations meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
- f. Communications** – The subcommittee is looking into alternative platforms to communicate information and welcomes suggestions from the public.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve January 2026 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to approve the January 2026 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Amended 2026-2027 School Calendar

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Whitney Burns to approve the amended 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve Hiring Assistant Track Coach

MOTION: a motion was made by Whitney Burns, seconded by Amanda Cormier to approve hiring an assistant track coach. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve Superintendent's Strategic Five-Year Plan

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Ricky Bortz to approve the Superintendent's Strategic Five-Year Plan as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings - None

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Executive Session – Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation and invited Superintendent Palmieri to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

The board entered into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bob Paskiewicz, Amanda Cormier, Dreux Namnoun, Mark Andrews, Lisa Griffin, Dave Gilroy, Whitney Burns, Ricky Bortz, and Suzanne Palmieri.

The board returned to regular session at 8:44 p.m.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews seconded by Amanda Cormier, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk