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

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mrs. Lynn Landolina	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Cormier (7:01pm)	Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Daniel Jacius, Student Representative
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Amani Akedde-Bernstein, Student Representative
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Joshua Martin, Director of Student Support Services
Mr. Mark Andrews	Laura Namnoun, Visitor
Mr. David Gilroy	Dawn Flanagan, Visitor
	Susan Kulik, Visitor

Board Members Absent:
Mrs. Whitney Burns

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 February 9, 2026 Budget Workshop and the February 9, 2026 regular meeting**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the February 9, 2026 Budget Workshop and the February 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. **Additions to Agenda -** None

c. **Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items**

As union president, Laura Namnoun advocated for noncertified staff wages. Paraprofessional Dawn Flanagan shared a heartfelt message on the role paraprofessionals perform on a daily basis to do better for the students.

II. Student Representatives Reports

Amani recognized and congratulated student achievements and shared spirited events. She would like to expand the opportunity for East Granby High School alumni to return to EGHS to share their career paths. Danny recognized winter sport and student athletes. He provided a summary on the first Student Advisory Council meeting with Superintendent Palmieri including career pathways and an eight period class schedule. Danny asked the board to consider using outside venues to hold future graduations instead of the high school auditorium and to support the use of AI for students' daily education.

III. Chairperson's Report

Bob thanked Superintendent Palmieri for speaking at the Connecticut Education Committee meeting on March 4th. He also shared that the certified contract was approved.

a. **Update on Electricity Costs**

The First Selectman's office looked into solar canopies. The plan is to install them at the senior center and the middle/high school parking lot. This would give the district $50,000 a year towards electricity costs. It would also provide coverage for the buses.

b. **BoF Update**

A 4.9% budget will be presented at the next BoF meeting.

c. **Update on Tennis Courts**
Bob recently took a look at the conditions of the tennis courts and, in his opinion, found them to be in the same condition they were this past January. He recommended practicing tennis on the courts this season without repairing them. Bob and First Selectman Jason Hayes visited Galasso and Jason was able to significantly reduce the cost of the initial quote to black top the courts in the future. Concerns were shared about the condition of the base.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. **Present 2026-2027 EGPS 4.9% Budget**
Suzanne shared the changes made to reduce the budget to 4.9%. Bob shared his disappointment of not being able to add to our programs.

b. **Discuss Feasibility Study and Renderings**
Suzanne shared that the Board of Selectman asked community members to join the School Building Committee being organized.
Suzanne investigated the grant application and increasing the state reimbursement percentage. The following documents are required to apply – **feasibility study**, educational specifications, demographic studies, and architect. Suzanne shared she is working with GWWO Architects on the feasibility study and master plan. The board will take action at the next board meeting to approve the cost of the feasibility study.

c. **Update on Parent Athletic Council Meeting**
Suzanne highlighted ideas shared at the meeting, The district is looking into a subscription paid camera/streaming system for view sporting events. An athletics survey went out to families and the cycle of uniforms was discussed. Currently, uniforms are on a six year replacement cycle.

d. **Subcommittee Meeting Calendar**
For planning purposes, Suzanne encouraged subcommittees to meet regularly and to create a calendar with the dates and times of meetings starting in January.

e. **Community Conversation – March 10th**
Community conversations with lightly themed topics will take place twice a month. One will be held in-person, the other virtually. The same topics will be discussed monthly. The first conversation will be held March 10th.

f. **Sample Rubrics for Superintendent Evaluation**
Superintendent Palmieri asked that this item be presented at the next board meeting.

V. Committee Reports

a. **Policy** – Lynn Landolina advocated for adopting the new policies and commented on Shipman & Goodwin law firm's distinguished reputation.
b. **Budget** – The board will present a 4.9 % budget at the BoF meeting on March 17th.
c. **Curriculum** –The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
d. **Facilities** – Several administrators and board members, along with other officials, participated in a walkthrough of the school buildings on March 7th**.**
e. **Negotiations** – A meeting with committee members only is scheduled for March 25th. A meeting with the committee and union is scheduled for March 31st.
f. **Communications** – The committee, along with the superintendent, will focus on the theme of communication goals.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. **Approve February 2026 Financials**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the February 2026 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** Bob Paskiewicz thanked the custodians for the removal and cleanup of snow. It was a challenging winter.

b. Adopt 2026-2027 EGPS 4.9% Budget

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to adopt the 2026-2027 EGPS 4.9% budget with the changes recommended by the board at tonight's budget workshop. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve F+F Invoice

MOTION: a motion was made by Drew Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy, to approve the F+F invoice as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve Use of Nonlapsing/Student Activities Funds for Reupholstering Auditorium Chairs

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the use of nonlapsing/student activities funds for reupholstering the auditorium chairs. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

e. Approve Field Trips

MOTION: a motion was made by Drew Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the middle school select chorus and the high school band and chorus to travel to Six Flags New England in Agawam Massachusetts on May 27, 2026. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

f. Approve Rescinding All Current Board Policies and Adopting Shipman & Goodwin Model Policy Series 1000-9000

MOTION: Lynn Landolina moved that the Board rescind all current policies and further move that, in place of such rescinded policies, the Board adopt the comprehensive package of policies as recommended by the policy subcommittee. A link to the electronic policy book as it exists after this action on March 9, 2026 will be included in the minutes, which policy book as of March 9, 2026 will be preserved electronically as a record of this action. The Superintendent shall distribute such policies to the school community in a manner she deems appropriate. The motion was seconded by Dreux Namnoun. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

ELECTRONIC POLICY BOOK *(You can use this link to access the newly adopted policies)*

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- **a. Sample Rubric for Superintendent Evaluation – Executive Session**
- **b. Discuss APP for Bus**
- **c. Update on AI for Student Education**
- **d. Approve Feasibility Study**

VIII. Comments from Visitors – Susan Kulik inquired if the date of graduation is still June 11, 2026. The board confirmed that the date of graduation is still June 11, 2026.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk