

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, March 23, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. David Gilroy
Mr. Dreux Namnoun

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum/PD
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mr. Mark Andrews

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.

Suzanne presented each board member with a gift in recognition of Board Appreciation Month and shared her gratitude and appreciation for all their hard work.

a. Additions to the Agenda - None

b. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

Bob Paskiewicz encouraged residents to attend the Public Hearing on April 21, 2026 and announced that the Town Meeting will be held on May 5, 2026.

Bob shared that the tennis courts will be resurfaced after the season is finished. In the meantime, students and residents can still practice and scrimmage on them.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on AI Use for Student Education

Suzanne shared that starting March 30, 2026, high school students will have access to Gemini which is FERPA and HIPPA complaint. In an effort to keep students safe, the IT department installed Beacon Core Monitoring Software in addition to GoGuardian.

b. Curriculum – New Electives (First Review)

Marjorie Light presented the curriculum for new electives including Career Writing, Computer Science, Consumerism in U.S. History, Media and Marketing, and Music Through the Decades.

c. Discuss Last Day of School

It was discussed that the last day for students would be Friday, June 19th (half day) and Monday, June 22nd for teachers. Students would spend time on the last day recognizing the holiday.

d. Community Conversation Workshops

The next workshop will be held virtually on March 24th at 6:00pm followed by an in-person workshop on April 7th starting at 3:45pm in the East Granby Public Library.

e. Retirement

IT Technical Director of Infrastructure Support, Bill George, handed in his retirement notice effective August 7, 2026. Suzanne thanked Bill for his years of service and how it will be difficult to replace him.

IV. Recommended Actions

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Ricky Bortz to approve the Feasibility Study. Suzanne recapped the conversation from the last board meeting and how the study is necessary for the Five Year Strategic Plan and required in order to apply for construction reimbursement funding and grants.
Drew amended his motion as follows:

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds, not to exceed \$150,000, for the Feasibility Study. **Motion approved unanimously.**

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Curriculum – New Electives (SECOND READ)**
- b. Non-lapsing Funds Overview**

VI. Comments from Visitors - None

VII. Executive Session

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:54 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the sample rubric for the Superintendent Evaluation. **Motion approved unanimously.**

The board returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

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