East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2026

Board Members Present:
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mrs. Lynn Landolina
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. David Gilroy
Mr. Dreux Namnoun

Board Members Absent:
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Whitney Burns

Others Present:
Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Joshua Martin, Director of SSS
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Ricky Bortz, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

a. Approve Minutes from the March 9, 2026 Budget Workshop, and the March 9, 2026 and the March 23, 2026 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026 Budget Workshop, and the March 9, 2026 and March 23, 2026 regular meetings. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

The Town Meeting is April 29, 2026 at 7pm. The referendum vote will take place at the Senior/Community Center from 12noon to 8pm. Ricky shared that the tennis courts will be replaced after the completion of the school year.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Resignation / Retirement

School Psychologist, Stanislav Gershman, resigned effective April 24, 2026. Special Education Teacher, Brian McConnell, submitted his retirement notice effective June 30, 2026.

b. Retirement / 20+ Dinner

This year's dinner to recognize our retirees and 20 years of service employees will take place on June 10, 2026.

c. Strategic Planning Report

Superintendent Palmieri shared the following:

- District goals (ex. Portrait of a Graduate, expanding applied learning, defining student readiness)
- Ignite in Action (Student Leadership Conference, Robotics Competitions, STARBASE graduation, and Salmon release)
- Play Based Learning in Kindergarten
- Sustain Pillar (facilities)

Suzanne also invited members of the community to volunteer for the new School Building Committee.

IV. Recommended Actions

a. Approve March 2026 Financial Report / Nonlapsing Funds Overview

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by David Gilroy to approve the March 2026 financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Proposal Pre Referendum Services Construction Solutions Group

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landoina, to approve the proposal pre referendum services by the Construction Solutions Group.

Suzanne reviewed the proposal and fee structure. At this time, she is asking the board for $10,00 for phase 1 and $17,000 for the grant application for a total of $27,000.

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to amend his previous motion and approve the proposal pre referendum by the Construction Solutions Group for an amount not to exceed $27,000. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

V. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

a. Protocol for Potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement

b. Feasibility Study Timeline / Grant Referendum Materials

VI. Comments from Visitors

Jeff Darmetko shared his concern for the lack of a transition plan for behavioral services.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.