

**East Granby Board of Education
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, May 11, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. David Gilroy (Virtual)
Mr. Ricky Bortz (Virtual 7:05pm)

Board Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Amani Akedde-Berstein, Student Representative
Daniel Jacius, Student Representative
Parent/Guardians of Daniel Jacius
Parent/Guardians of Amani Akedde-Berstein
Charlize Brown, Student
Parent/Guardians of Charlize Brown
Joshua Martin, Special Education Director
Jeff Darnetko, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Chairperson Bob Paskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the April 27, 2026 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2026 regular meeting as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier to add item VIg. Approve the Use of Non-lapsing Funds for the high school VFD's for RTU-3 for AC (\$8,521.28), Seymour DOAS Unit #3 for AC (\$14,419), Gym Repairs at Seymour/Allgrove (\$940), and Gym and Bleachers Repairs at the HS/MS (\$5,930).

c. Comments from Visitors - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Daniel reported on athletic events and fundraisers as well as "Water Wars", an annual activity conducted by high school seniors. Amani shared a list of colleges along with the names of the seniors who will be attending them after graduation.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. CABA Student Award

Bob Paskiewicz recognized Amani Akedde-Berstein and Daniel Jacius as recipients of this year's CABA Student Leadership Award.

Bob Paskiewicz shared that the 2026-27 budget did not pass. A Town Meeting is scheduled for May 18th and another referendum is scheduled for May 26th.

The State of Connecticut is giving towns additional money to help during these difficult times. East Granby is expected to receive \$250,000. Instead of it going towards the BoE, the BoF decided to keep it for the town to help lower the mill rate (recommended increase of 2%).

Bob provided an update on repaving the tennis courts. The plan is to have the work completed by the end of June.

Bob shared that state legislature determined there would not be a new Cell Phone Use Policy next year.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. CAPSS Superintendents' Student Award

Superintendent Palmieri recognized Charlize Brown as the recipient of this year's CAPSS Superintendents' Student Award.

b. Protocol for Potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Suzanne shared the protocol under CT PA 25-1, sections 1-4. It is also included in the East Granby All-Hazards School Security and Safety Plan.

c. Scheduling Superintendent Evaluation and Suggested Process

Suzanne would like the board to schedule her evaluation for the next meeting using the CABE/CAPSS survey form that was agreed upon.

d. Update on the Allgrove Boiler

The insurance did not cover the entire cost of the new boiler. We are still negotiating with them.

e. Doug Comstock from AED Service America donated two AEDs to replace aging ones at the middle/high school and Allgrove School. Nick, a representative from AED Service America provided a demonstration to administrators, town officials and school nurses on May 6th. Bob Paskiewicz thanked Mr. Comstock for his generous donation.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – The subcommittee is trying to schedule reoccurring meetings.

b. Budget – Previous discussed.

c. Curriculum – The next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 5pm.

d. Facilities – Major topics shared by Ricky Bortz included an update on a weekend custodian, combining removal of snow with Town Hall, and partnering with Nick from Bloomfield Public Schools to provide a hot lunch program for all schools.

e. Negotiations – Meetings are ongoing.

f. Communications – The subcommittee is working on creating a LinkedIn profile for the district and a Facebook page for Superintendent Palmieri.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve April 2026 Financials with Non-lapsing Account

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the April 2026 Financials and Non-lapsing Account as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Approve Updated Capital Plan

Suzanne reviewed adjustments made to the Capital Plan.

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve item VIb. Approve Updated Capital Plan and VIc. Request from the BoF and the Town to use Capital Non-Recurring Funds to refinish HS gym/stage floors, tennis court fencing and painting, SaniGLAZE all school bathrooms and locker rooms, and half the cost of the Allgrove Boiler as presented. **Motion approved unanimously.**

c. See Item VIb.

d. Approve Field Trip to Lisbon, Seville, and Madrid

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

e. Approve \$9,800 from non-lapsing for Demographic Study

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds in the amount of \$9,800 for the demographic study. **Motion approved unanimously.**

f. Approve \$34,000 from Non-lapsing to Cover Half the Cost of Allgrove Boiler

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to use non-lapsing funds in the amount of \$35,050 to cover half the cost of the Allgrove boiler. **Motion approved unanimously.**

g. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds for the high school VFD's for RTU-3 for AC (\$8,521.28), Seymour DOAS Unit #3 for AC (\$14,419), Gym Repairs at Seymour/Allgrove (\$940), and Gym and Bleachers Repairs at the HS/MS (\$5,930)

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by David Gilroy to approve the use of non-lapsing funds for the high school VFD's for RTU-3 for AC (\$8,521.28), Seymour DOAS Unit #3 for AC (\$14,419), Gym Repairs at Seymour/Allgrove (\$940), and Gym and Bleachers Repairs at the HS/MS (\$5,930). (FOR: Dreux Namnoun, Amanda Cormier, Lisa Griffin, David Gilroy, and Ricky Bortz. ABSTAINED: Bob Paskiewicz). **Motion approved.**

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. CREC Update**
- b. Approve Field Trip to Lisbon, Seville, and Madrid**
- c. Executive Session – Superintendent's Evaluation**

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.