

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, July 13, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mr. Dreux Namnoun
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. David Gilroy
Mr. Ricky Bortz (via phone 7:02pm – 7:25pm)

Board Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Joshua Martin, Dir. Student Support Services
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor
Morgan Bengel, Visitor
Sara Kleinman, FRC Parent Liaison
Dana Zalinski, Visitor
Kerry Anthony, Preschool Teacher

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the May 11, 2026 and May 26, 2026 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2026 and May 26, 2026 regular meetings as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to add item Vf. Approve Business Manager's Salary to the agenda. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

Morgan Bengel advocated for the Family Resource Center's current location at Allgrove and commented on its flawless transition to preschool. FRC has been invaluable to her family. Dana Zalinski also advocated for FRC to remain at Allgrove School. She loves having it in a school setting and commented that it is unique to East Granby. Sara Kleinman shared a letter she wrote advocating that the FRC program remain at Allgrove.

The board moved item V. Recommended Actions as the next agenda item.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve May 2026 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy, to approve the May 2026 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Superintendent's Contract

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by David Gilroy to approve the Superintendent's Contract. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve COO Contract

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to approve the COO Contract. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve the use of \$10,000, not to exceed \$12,000, from Non-lapsing for Scoreboard

MOTION: a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Dreux Namnoun. The board decided that additional information was needed before making a decision. No vote was taken.

e. Approve Non-Certified Contract July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by David Gilroy, to approve the Non-Certified Contract for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029. (FOR: Bob Paskiewicz, Ricky Bortz, Amanda Cormier, David Gilroy. ABSTAINED: Dreux Namnoun). **Motion approved.**

f. Approve Business Manager's Salary

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by David Gilroy, to approve the Business Manager's Salary. **Motion approved unanimously.**

II. Chairperson's Report

a. July 27th BoE Meeting – The July 27, 2026 BoE meeting will be canceled.

b. Communications

Board council responded to a letter received from the East Granby Education Association.

c. Tennis Court Update

The construction is currently underway. The plan was to save the fencing and poles; however, the poles cannot be reused. The Board of Finance voted in favor to recommend for Town Meeting action a sum not to exceed a total of \$66,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for Tennis Court materials and repairs in addition to funds they already gave towards the project.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Family Resource Center

Joshua Martin addressed the location of the Family Resource Center (FRC). We are looking to model full day preschool and increased our enrollment for SY 26-27 creating less space for other programs. This is an ongoing conversation with Allgrove School Principal Bob McGrath and the goal is to find dedicated space for FRC. Updates will be provided to board members.

b. Summer Professional Learning for Administrative Staff

Suzanne shared workshops, learning consortiums, retreats, curriculum alignment, and student/staff handbook alignments the administrators are attending and working on this summer.

c. Food Service Agreement Update

Suzanne provided an update on our food service partnership with Bloomfield Public Schools. Mandated breakfast as well as farm to table hot and cold entrees will be offered. All food will be prepared at Allgrove School then transported to the other schools. Cost is \$4.65/meal.

d. Update on Hartford Tuition Reimbursement

We are in a holding pattern but Suzanne is confident that we will receive the money this year. She will keep the board updated on the status of the reimbursement.

e. Update on Building Projects

Suzanne provided an update on current and upcoming building projects including new doors at the middle/high school, refinishing of gym and auditorium floors, Sani-glazing of restrooms, dehumidifiers at middle/high school (humidity being closely monitored), kitchen updates at Allgrove and the reupholstering of auditorium chairs. Three images of the proposed graphic designs for the high school basketball court were shared with the board. The board prefers graphic #2 without the sword.

f. Grant Update

We will partner with Somers for the Perkins Grant. Somers will apply for the grant. Suzanne will reach out to Roger LaFleur to look over non priority grants for smaller projects. We will apply for an afterschool enrichment grant in 2027-28.

g. Pay to Play and Co-op Fees

Mary Hiney shared average cost for Pay to Play she received from Casbo. It was suggested to keep the fees for the first and second activity at the current rate but increasing the family cap from \$325 to \$450.

Bob Paskiewicz does not agree that East Granby should pay the co-op fees because the cost is out of our control. Parents should be paying for it as they did in the past. It was suggested to find out what other districts are doing before making a decision.

h. Resignations

Paraeducator, Alexis Zinkerman and former Director of Curriculum, Marjorie Light resigned.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy** – Nothing to report at this time.
- b. **Budget** – Nothing to report at this time.
- c. **Curriculum** – Nothing to report at this time.
- d. **Negotiations** – Nothing to report at this time.
- e. **Facilities** – Nothing to report at this time.
- f. **Communications** – Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. **Approve the use of \$10,000 not to exceed \$12,000 from Non-lapsing for Scoreboard**
- b. **Co-op Fees**

VII. Comments from Visitors

Sara Kleinman inquired if Wintonbury Early Childhood still offered free tuition. Kerry Anthony commented that parents send their children to Wintonbury for the before and after school care they offer.

VIII. Executive Session – Negotiations

The executive session was called to order at 8:16 p.m. In attendance: Bob Paskiewicz, David Gilroy, Amanda Cormier, and Dreux Namnoun. Suzanne Palmieri was invited to attend.

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Negotiations. The board invited Suzanne Palmieri to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

The board returned to regular session at 8:47 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Cormier
Acting Board Secretary

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.