

**East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, August 10, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bob Paskiewicz
Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Mr. Mark Andrews
Mrs. Lisa Griffin
Mr. Dreux Namnoun

Others Present:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Joshua Martin, Chief Operating Officer
Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour School Principal
Jeff Darmetko, Visitor

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Whitney Burns
Mr. Ricky Bortz
Mr. David Gilroy
Mrs. Lynn Landolina

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A moment of silence was held in honor of Dr. Alfred Lederman, former Superintendent of Schools, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the July 13, 2026 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lisa Griffin to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2026 regular meeting as presented. *Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Additions to the Agenda – None**c. Comments from Visitors Regarding Agenda Items – None****II. Chairperson's Report****a. Tennis Court Update** - The tennis courts were paved and poles are being installed.

The Board will respond to the correspondence they received on Friday, August 7, 2026 from the East Granby Education Association at their next meeting on August 24, 2026.

III. Superintendent's Report**a. Personnel Update**

- Resignation – Sara Kleinman, FRC Parent Liaison
- Retiring – Lynda Martin, Paraeducator
- New Hire – San Juanita Castellanos, Part-time Custodian
- New Hire – Kristen Lefferts, Paraeducator
- New Hire – Emily Lozada, Paraeducator
- New Hire - Sirisha Papineni, Paraeducator
- New Hire - Samantha Gentile, Paraeducator
- New Hire – Leah Cagney-Vella, Board Certified Behavior Analysts
- New Hire - Alexis Krantz, Science Teacher
- New Hire - Carlie Bouchard, Special Education Teacher
- New Hire – Courtney Harris, Long-term Substitute Teacher

b. Scoreboard Information

The replacement components for the scoreboard are obsolete. The board needs over 30 bulbs replaced and using salvaged secondhand parts is expensive. Joshua Martin shared an assessment on the condition of the scoreboard and recommends a complete replacement. He will recommend a vendor and provide the cost at the next board meeting.

c. Summer Updates – Suzanne provided a District and Board update for the summer of 2026. Topics included Facilities and Safety, Teaching, Learning, and Student Services, Smarter and More Efficient Operations, Leadership and Looking Ahead, Expanded and Restructured PreK Program, Connecticut Career Pathways Commission, Extended School Year Success, Shining Spaces Ready for Students, NELMS Conference, and Facility Projects Making Strong Progress.

Suzanne celebrated the appointment of Joshua Martin as the new Chief Operating Officer of East Granby Public Schools by reading a letter that will be sent to families and staff.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Policy** – Nothing to report at this time.
- b. Budget** – Nothing to report at this time.
- c. Curriculum** – A meeting is planned for August 18th. The hope is to hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month.
- d. Facilities** – Mark Andrews supported what was previously shared regarding facilities.
- e. Negotiations** – Negotiations for the Administrators are expected to start in the fall.
- f. Communications** – A meeting is due to discuss Facebook postings for the start of school.

V. Recommended Actions

- a. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$12,000, for a new Scoreboard**

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$12,000, for a new Scoreboard.

Dreux withdrew his motion. A motion and vote will take place at the next board meeting.

- b. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$25,000, to cover the cost of the Seymour School bathroom project**

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$25,000, to cover the cost of the Seymour School bathroom project. **Motion approved unanimously.**

- c. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$30,000, for replacement of the Auditorium Compressor**

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$30,000, for replacement of the Auditorium Compressor. **Motion approved unanimously.**

- d. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$1,200, for a leaf fence for the Tennis Courts**

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed \$1,200, for a leaf fence for the Tennis Courts. **Motion approved unanimously.**

- e. Approve Pay to Play and Co-op Fees**

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve Pay to Play and Co-op Fees.

Joshua Martin suggested increasing the family cap from \$325 to \$450, an increase of \$125.

MOTION: an amended motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the Pay to Play and Co-op Fees by increasing the family cap from \$325 to \$450 for the 2026-27 school year. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Appoint Representative to serve on The Suffield Regional Agriscience Program Consulting Committee for a three-year term.**
- b. East Granby Education Association Correspondence**

VII. Comments from Visitors – Lisa Griffin thanked Sara Kleinman for her years of service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

VIII. Executive Session – Collective Bargaining

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to table this item. **Motion approved unanimously.**

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Mark Andrews, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kline
Board Clerk

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.