School Build Committee

East Granby, CT

Minutes

November 12, 2026

East Granby Town Hall/ 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent, Jason Hayes, First Selectman, Brian O'Connor, Rosemary Pizzoferrato, Paul Thulen, Peter Ritter, Brett Lowman, Tom Carroll, Keith Antaya, Jonathan Matlach, Dreux Namnoun, Donna Mattera, Clerk Also in attendance: Dave Correia, Goman & York, Jim Giuliano, CSG, Eric Feiss and Matt Gallerani, GWWO

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance –** Brian O'Connor, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Comment –** None.
3. **Minutes –** Approve October 8, 2026 Minutes
   ***MOTION* –** a motion was made by Peter Ritter, seconded by Tom Carroll to approve the October 8, 2026 minutes as presented: *Motion passed.*
4. **Superintendent/First Selectman's Reports:**
   Suzanne shared the draft hub is in process. The students have been working hard and adding information including a section that everyone can access the meetings and minutes as well. Suzanne complimented the teachers, students and staff for all their hard work. Dreux Namnoun will help Suzanne share the hub with the committee members. She then responded to questions that were asked at the last meeting. She noted to date 22 new students enrolled from the Grand Meadows development. Suzanne discussed the costs around the alternate schools' students attend and the cost associated with them. All the transportation bills have not been received and reported. Once received, she will update the committee.
   Jason gave a brief update noting the In-Kind numbers needed to be corrected. It was $363,000 down to $176,000. This in turn made the per pupil cost go down. In-Kind is where the town spends on services that the BOE does not pay for however it has to be factored into the per pupil cost. Some of the In-Kind services are mowing the facilities, the facilities maintenance, the School Resource Officer (SRO) to name a few. Jason also reported that EG is the #1 fastest growing town this year and it is anticipated to continue to be #1 in the near future with the number of developments on the docket.
5. **Consultants's Reports:**
   a. **GWWO – Layout of Possible Options – Committee Input** –
      Matt Gallerani presented four different scenarios that are ideas of what the school configurations could look like. This is the very early stages and it is meant to have the committee see the possibilities and then start making recommendations on what they feel would be best. There was a scenario of Pk-12 all together on one campus with each school in their own buildings with possible common areas to access. The other scenarios were different configurations of grade levels using the Seymour school site. The scenarios generated great feedback to the consultants. They are asking the members to take another look and process the scenarios so they can provide their input of the pro's and con's of the layouts. The committee members were asked to submit their thoughts by

November 20th. It was noted that at the December 10th meeting the committee will tour the existing schools.
Jason also added the possibility of the repurposing of Allgrove School noting it could take on new life as a Senior center. Code requirements would be needed due to changing occupancy purpose. He noted many seniors in this town started their education in Allgrove School and how it would come full circle if they could access the building for the senior programming. The layout would lend the seniors to have many programs running at once where as now only one program at a time can take place at the Community Center. He envisions a section for the Girl and Boy Scouts bringing the younger generation with the seniors.

The presenters entertained questions from the public as the scenarios were being presented. Paul Thulen thanked the community members in attendance, noting it is wonderful to see people attending our meeting.

b. **Goman/York**
Dave went over the changes in the demographics and the enrollment numbers. They looked at the birthrates and the relation to the kindergarten numbers. There are many factors that are considered such as the students in the Choice program, He noted the estimates are higher as there are units available to be occupied. He will have a final copy in the next couple of weeks.

c. **CSG**
Jim Giuliano responded to questions during the presentation when asked about reimbursement rates and how they are determined. Jim gave examples of how the reimbursement rates and how the spaces are used can have an impact. This is something to consider when looking at your different scenarios. Jim will be able to offer more insight once the updated reports are available.

6. **Public Comment –** David Gilroy thanked the committee for their work. Janet Deltenre inquired if there was a piece of land in mind with the single campus. Jeff Darmetko asked if consideration is being made for special education space. The committee appreciated their questions that were asked at various points of the meeting.
7. **Adjourn:**
MOTION: a motion was made by Jonathan Matlach, seconded by Peter Ritter to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera