East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, September 14, 2026

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Suzanne M. Palmieri, Superintendent
Mrs. Amanda Cormier	Joshua Martin, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mr. David Gilroy	Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Mr. Mark Andrews	Timothy Phelan, EGMS Principal
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Marsie Luckenbach, Seymour Principal
Mrs. Lynn Landolina	Bob McGrath, Allgrove Principal
	Jeff Darmetko, Visitor
Board Members Absent:	Wayne Hayes, Visitor
Mrs. Whitney Burns *(resigned)*	Laura Zinnen, Visitor
	Brian White, Visitor
	Angela Milewski, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

With a quorum present, Bob Paskiewicz, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Approve minutes from the August 10, 2026 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2026 regular meeting as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Chairperson's Report

The Board of Education received communications from the East Granby Education Association along with an invitation for board members to speak to the secondary teachers. Plans are being made for board members to meet with secondary staff to hear their concerns, answer questions, and engage in dialogue informally.

Bob shared that he received a resignation letter from board member Whitney Burns.

Bob commented on the new lunch program and thanked those who were involved in the planning.

Bob thanked Alison Chaloux and the marching band for their performance at the recent UCONN football game.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Financial Update

Mary Hiney shared the Non-Lapsing Education Fund Annual Report as well as the cash activity for the Student Activity Accounts. The auditors are currently onsite for approximately two weeks.

b. Personnel Update/Dir. of Integrated Learning/IT Systems & Operations Manager

Suzanne introduced the new Director of Integrated Learning, Angela Milewski, and the new IT Systems & Operations Manager, Brian White. Additional new hires include Kimberly Quinn, ELA teacher, and paraeducators Samantha Gentile, Colette Trazinski, Lola Richardson, and Andrew Schlechtweg. Resignations include Carlie Bouchard, SPED teacher, and paraeducators Nikola Dokmanovic and Kelly McPherson.

c. District/School Goals

Superintendent Palmieri kicked off the presentation highlighting facility improvements and administrator professional learning sessions that took place over the summer, as well as Aligned Goals: Igniting, Cultivating, and Sustaining. Principal DeMelo presented on student proficiency

and career pathways, Principal Phelan's presentation included student proficiency and project-based learning, and Principal McGrath's and Principal Luckenbach's presentations comprised of math achievements.

d. Food Program Donation

We are very grateful to Mike Malloy, owner of East Granby Motors, for donating a vehicle to transport school lunches. The district did have to pay a nominal fee that was way below market value.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Nothing to report.

b. Budget – Nothing to report.

c. Curriculum - A meeting was held on August 18th to discuss grant funding and the impacts of the new bell schedule at the middle/high school. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

d. Negotiations – The first meeting for the Administrators' negotiations was held tonight.

e. Facilities – A note was received from the East Granby Educational Association commenting on how clean the classrooms were this year when the teachers returned.

f. Communications – The next meeting is scheduled for September 28th. The focus will be the LinkedIn process.

V. Recommended Actions

a. Approve Capital Plan

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the Capital Plan as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Approve Graduation Date 2027

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve June 10, 2027 as the graduation date for the Class of 2027. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve June 2026 Preliminary Financials Prior to Audit and July 2026 and August 2026 Financials

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by David Gilroy, to approve the June 2026 preliminary financials prior to audit and July 2026 and August 2026 financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve to Transfer 2% of Unexpended FY26 Budget to Non-lapsing Account (subject to audit adjustments)

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve to transfer 2% of unexpended FY26 budget to the non-lapsing account, subject to audit adjustments. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

e. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds in the amount of $15,000 for the Custodial Lead Stipend for SY 26-27

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds in the amount of $15,000 for the custodial lead stipend for SY 26-27. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

f. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed $7,000, for relocating the Student Support Services/COO office from Seymour to Allgrove School

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the use of non-lapsing funds, not to exceed $7,000, for relocating the Student Support Services/COO office from Seymour to Allgrove School. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

g. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed $25,000, for Scoreboards

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the cost of a new scoreboard, not to exceed total cost of $25,000, of which the current balance of the class fund of $20,031.96 would be used first and then the remaining out of non-lapsing funds. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

h. Approve the use of Non-lapsing Funds, not to exceed $8,000, for Green Machine field care

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the use on non-lapsing funds, not to exceed $8,000, for Green Machine field care. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meeting - None

VII. Comments from Visitors

Wayne Hayes thanked the board for what they do and the schools for their partnership and mentorship with Friends of Old Newgate Prison. EGPS supplied four iPads to be used for presentations at the guard house. The students are being mentored by Arm Wings Drone to get a 3D fixture of the prison.

VIII. Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation Goal Setting

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation now and going forward as well as accomplishments to date and suggestions moving forward. The board invited Suzanne Palmieri to attend. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Present: Bob Paskiewicz, Amanda Cormier, David Gilroy, Dreux Namnoun, Ricky Bortz, Lynn Landolina, Lisa Griffin, and Suzanne Palmieri.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:04 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by David Gilroy, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Kline	Lynn Landolina
Board Clerk	Board Secretary

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.