East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Suzanne M. Palmieri, Superintendent
Mrs. Lynn Landolina	Joshua Martin, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Abigail Abrham, Student Representative
Mr. Mark Andrews	Robby Dlugolenski, Student Representative
Mrs. Amanda Cormier	Principal DeMelo, EGHS
	Marc Dlugolenski, Visitor
Board Members Absent:	William Wilcox, Visitor
Mr. David Gilroy	Robert Loomis, Visitor

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Approve minutes from the September 14, 2026 and September 28, 2026 regular meetings

MOTION: a motion was made by Lynn Landolina, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 and September 28, 2026 regular meetings as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to the Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items - None

II. Student Representatives Report

Suzanne introduced Abigail Abrham and Robby Dlugolenski. Both will serve as student representatives to the board of education for SY 26-27.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. CABE/CAPSS Conference

The conference will be held on November 20-21, 2026 in Groton. Board members who are interested in attending where asked to contact Bob Paskiewicz or Suzanne Palmieri.

b. Insurance Walkthrough

Ricky Bortz will share information regarding the walkthrough during the facilities subcommittee report.

c. Board Vacancy

The Republic Town Committee nominated William Wilcox to fill the board vacancy recreated by Whitney Burns.

d. Planning for BoE/Staff Gathering

The board is still looking into dates and locations to host the gathering. The hope is to schedule one before the holidays.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Revised Capital Plan

Suzanne shared revisions made to the capital plan including technology, air duct cleaning, high school vestibule, and the communication and fire alarm system at Allgrove. Lynn Landolina asked what was involved in the design of the vestibule. Dreux Namnoun asked to identify the line items that are grant funded. Bob Paskiewicz suggested listing items that were removed from the plan as well as the cost because they were paid through an alternative source for new board of finance members.

b. Door Grant Discussion

Bob Paskiewicz shared that we applied for, and received, a door grant from the State of Connecticut several years ago. At the time, it was a split percentage proposition. Some doors were replaced but not all of them, so there was money still in the grant. We are now finished with the grant and will ask the board of finance for capital money to cover our percentage. If declined, we can go into nonlapsing

funds; however, we have used nonlapsing funds and other accounts to pay for items that were on the capital plan. We will also be giving back to the town over $200,000 this year.

c. Building Committee Update

The topic at the last meeting was demographics. Based on the information presented, Dreux commented that we can't afford to not do anything. East Granby is growing, classroom needs have changed a lot, and we have to the opportunity to bring in tuition with potential new buildings. The committee is its own group, not part of the board of education. Meetings are open to the public as well as recorded by GCTV.

d. Boys Ice Hockey Co-op

Principal DeMelo shared that we have one, potentially two students, who would like to play hockey. Athletic Director, Kathy Dias, looked into finding another community to partner with. South Windsor is down a few players and asked if we would like to participate in their co-op with Cheney, and Stafford. The district is asking the board of education permission to complete the co-op application. A discussion took place regarding cost and transportation.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Nothing to report at this time.

b. Budget – Nothing to report at this time.

c. Curriculum – The next meeting is October 15, 2026 at 5:30pm.

d. Facilities – Ricky and Joshua provided an overview of the items discussed at the recent meeting. Discussion included past/present expenses, insurance walkthrough, MOU for Parks and Recreation, and facilities staffing.

e. Negotiations – Negotiations for administrators have begun.

f. Communications – Dreux provided an update on the Superintendent's Facebook page and LinkedIn. The next meeting is scheduled for November 23rd.

VI. Recommended Actions

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the September 2026 Financials as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Amanda Cormier, to approve the 2027 Subcommittee Meeting Calendar as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

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

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to appoint William Wilcox to fill the board vacancy. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve the boys ice hockey co-op. Amanda Cormier amended her motion.

MOTION: a motion was made by Amanda Cormier, seconded by Mark Andrews, to approve the boys ice hockey co-op application to the CIAC. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. School Calendar for 2027-2028

b. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2027

c. District Achievement Presentation October 26, 2026

VIII. Comments from Visitors - None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: a motion was made by Mark Andrews, seconded by Dreux Namnoun to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously.*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Kline Board Clerk