East Granby Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes for
Monday, November 9, 2026

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Mr. Bob Paskiewicz	Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Mr. Ricky Bortz	Mary Hiney, Business Manager
Mrs. Lynn Landolina	Lisa Kline, Board Clerk
Mrs. Lisa Griffin	Robby Dlugolenski, Student Representative
Mr. Dreux Namnoun	Abigail Abrham, Student Representative
Mrs. Amanda Cormier (left 7:43pm)	Antonio DeMelo, EGHS Principal
Mr. David Gilroy	Nick Carambelas, Food Service Director, Bloomfield
Mr. William Wilcox	Laura Namnoun, Union President – Noncertified Staff
	Kerri Cavanaugh, Paraeducator
Board Members Absent:	Andrew Schlechtweg, Paraeducator
	Marc Dlugolenski, Visitor
	Jeff Darmetko, 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 October 13, 2026 regular meeting, the October 21, 2026 special meeting, and the October 26, 2026 regular meeting

MOTION: a motion was made by Lisa Griffin, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2026 regular meeting, the October 21, 2026 special meeting, and the October 26, 2026 regular meeting as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

b. Additions to Agenda - None

c. Comments from visitors regarding agenda items

Laura Namnoun commented on the lack of respect from upper administration and the eight paraeducators who left the district.

II. Student Representatives Report

Robby and Abigail shared student concerns on the safety of the kitchenware used in the Food/Baking curriculum classroom.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. BoE and MS/HS Staff Q&A – November 18, 2026

Some board members will be meeting with the middle/high school staff on November 18th to answer questions/concerns they have. Meetings will be scheduled to meet with the elementary staff in December.

b. Board Resignation / New Board Member

Mark Andrews submitted his resignation from the Board of Education. A vote will take place later in the meeting to fill the vacancy.

Bob shared he received a letter from the East Granby Booster Club commenting that the athletic fields look good.

IV. Superintendent's Report

a. Building Committee Update

Suzanne shared that four building options will be available for the community to review and provide input/feedback at the November 12th meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

b. Food Service Update

Nick Carambelas provided an update on the breakfast and lunches being served. The number of meals served have double and some tripled since the start of the program.

c. Resignation/New Hire

Middle school paraeducator, Diane Gibbs, resigned. Christopher Braga was hired as a paraeducator at the middle school.

d. 2027-28 School Year Calendar Discussion

Suzanne presented a proposed school calendar for 2027-28. The calendar was previously shared with the PDEC committee and curriculum leaders for their review/input. Suzanne asked board members to consider reducing the number of instructional days from 182 to the state requirement of 180. This allows for combining half teacher in-service days to full teacher in-service days. Lisa Griffin shared her concern regarding the dates of the middle/high school conferences in October and February. The board will continue discussing the calendar at the next meeting.

V. Committee Reports

a. Policy – Nothing to report at this time.

b. Budget – Budget Workshops have been scheduled.

c. Curriculum – The K-12 math department leaders met and brainstormed on how to address certain situations and matters across all grade levels and demonstrations of growth, areas of need, and areas of success. The next meeting is November 19th.

d. Facilities – The subcommittee just finished meeting to discuss pest prevention at the middle/high school, protective covering for the high school gym floor, and the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor position.

e. Negotiations – Nothing to report.

f. Communications – The LinkedIn page was created. Next meeting is November 23rd.

VI. Recommended Actions

a. Approve October 2026 Financial Report

MOTION: a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Ricky Bortz, to approve the October 2026 Financial Report as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Ricky asked the business manager about the field irrigation system and water usage.

b. Approve Board of Education meeting calendar 2027

MOTION: a motion was made by Dreux Namnoun, seconded by William Wilcox, to approve the 2027 Board of Education meeting calendar as presented. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

c. Approve the use of Nonlapsing Funds, not to exceed $8,400, to purchase mats to protect the high school gym floor

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Lynn Landolina, to approve the use of Nonlapsing Funds, not to exceed $8,400, to purchase mats to protect the high school gym floor. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

d. Approve New Board Member

MOTION: a motion was made by Ricky Bortz, seconded by Dreux Namnoun, to approve Marc Dlugolenski as the new board member. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

a. Approve School Calendar 2027-2028

b. Building Committee Update

VIII. Comments from Visitors

Andrew Schlechtweg asked about the survey that was given to staff and who will see the results. As a courtesy, Laura Namnoun would like the 27-28 school calendar to reflect the PD days that paraeducators are required to attend. This year, paraeducators were only given one week notice that they were to attend a PD on November 11th resulting in many of them unable to attend.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION*:** a motion was made by David Gilroy, seconded by Lisa Griffin, to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kline
Board Clerk