School Build Committee

East Granby, CT

Minutes

October 8, 2026

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

In attendance:

Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent, Jason Hayes, First Selectman, Brian O'Connor, Magdalena MacKay, Rosemary Pizzoferrato, Paul Thulen, Peter Ritter, Brett Lowman, Tom Carroll, Marc Dlugolenski, Keith Antaya, Jonathan Matlach, Donna Mattera, Clerk

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance –** Brian O'Connor, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Comment –** None.
3. **Minutes –** Approve September 10, 2026 Minutes
   ***MOTION* –** a motion was made by Peter Ritter, seconded by Magdalena MacKay to approve September 10, 2026 Minutes as presented: *Motion passed.*
4. **Superintendent/First Selectman's Reports:**
   a. Communication in Planning Schedule: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming sharing gratitude for the committee and all their hard work. She reinforced the Board of Education cannot decide to build a building and the decision comes from the residents of the town. Suzanne provided the committee with a draft of ideas of a Communications Plan. Possible vehicles are Host a Conversation, Walk the Need, What Will it Cost My House, We Come to You, In Every Newsletter and Ask Anything. Part of the communications would be a Cost Calculator. There was a lot of input with ideas of what to include. It was suggested to build in a "polling" option that would provide information to the committee as they decide on bringing forth a referendum to the town. Dreux Namnoun offered to help Suzanne create the Cost Calculator. She also noted the students on the Superintendent's Advisory Council would love to build the website under supervision that would include the Communication Plan and all useful information to inform the residents. Suzanne suggested the committee hold a Special Meeting possibly on October 29th at 6:30 p.m. The purpose would be to provide input on the draft options which would help prepare for the November meeting.

   Jason addressed the committee noting we have to do something. The town is growing and the facilities are aging. He reported Cirma did a walk through including the schools and DPW buildings are next. They are assessing all the needs of our buildings with the needs 5, 10, 15 years out. He announced Talk Turkey will return to being mailed to resident's homes in January 2027. This is another way the committee will be able to communicate with the community.
5. **Consultants's Reports:**

   a. **Goman & York** – Dave Correia brought the committee through a draft presentation and the information they use to arrive at their projections. He went over the demographics, housing, student enrollment and programming that would provide valuable information to the committee when planning for the project. There were questions and discussions surrounding all the new rental and builds that are planned for housing within the town. Goman and York estimate the final report should be available within 2 weeks. The committee members asked

for a copy of the draft presentation. Suzanne noted we will email all the members a copy along with Dave Correia's email in the event they have additional questions upon review.

b. CSG-Jim Giuliano gave a quick update. Next week they will be meeting with the architect along with Suzanne. They are focusing on how to receive the highest reimbursement rate. This will provide information on what would be feasible and how for possible options. The cost estimates come through GWWO.

6. **Future Agenda Items –** Nothing noted.
7. **Public Comment –** None.
8. **ADJOURN –** ***MOTION***: a motion was made by Paul Thulen, seconded by Peter Ritter to adjourn the meeting at 8:12: p.m. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera, Clerk