



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

September 10, 2018

6:30 P.M.

Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Donna Gnatek Media Center

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski, Vice-Chair; Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz(absent); Ms. Jennifer Curran; Ms. Jamie Jones (Student Representative)

ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. Sheryl Stanton, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, School Business Manager; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

GRANBY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Robbin Lamorder, GEA President

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M.

Absent: Ms. Bartosz

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: August 27, 2018

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the consent agenda as amended.

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

II. Visitor's Comments:

Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee must sign in with the Administrative Assistant prior to the opening of the Regular Session of the School Committee. The visitor will identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than three (3) minutes. (See Granby Public School Committee Policy BEDG).

III. New Business:

A. Professional Teacher Status – Alyssa Mullin - Lesley Mahoney
Tabled

IV. Old Business:

A. Food Service Contract

Mr. Tarquini advised that the contract with Chartwells has been signed we are currently waiting for approval from the state.

B. Immaculate Heart of Mary Contract 2018 – 2019

Mr. Evren will sign the contract for the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

C. GAA Contract 2018-2019

Mr. Evren will sign the contract for GAA.

D. Class size/Enrollment - Amended

Discussion regarding class sizes and enrollment. There is not a consensus as to what an actual class size should be. Most references are thirty years old. Our enrollment as of August 27, 2018 is 734 compared to last year our enrollment was 712 at the start of school. The true enrollment numbers will not be available until we receive the results of the October 1 report.

Based on potential data we will be collecting data using metrics, district assessments and data from students and staff. Based on information on class size of certain states less than twenty-four students at the elementary level and

mid-twenties at the high school level was acceptable. At the elementary level class size is determined by the number of students in a classroom and how many teachers are needed. At the junior high level the number of students enrolled in a subject being taught determines the number of teachers that would be needed.

- E. Grade 6 hire
Mr. Lataille has filled the grade six teaching position the applicant will be starting September 11, 2018.
- F. Soar
The Soar Program has started at East Meadow. The enrollment is where it should be. We are anticipating that more students will enroll.
- G. Budget FY2018
Mr. Tarquini reported that the books for FY2018 are not closed we are waiting for the auditors to get back to us. The last warrant was filed August 17, 2018 for the final FY2018 invoices. Mr. Tarquini is working on an overview on how we should be conducting business he will be putting this information into a manual. The committee would like to approve what is completed as available the information will be approved in a draft form.
- H. Budget FY2019
The meeting with the Board of Selectmen has been changed to September 17, 2018 at 5:15 at the Senior Center. We are receiving the monthly reports from the town.
- I. School Committee Goals
Mr. Evren advised the committee that three goals will be needed. This will be discussed at the September 24th, 2018 meeting.
- J. Superintendent Evaluation
It was proposed that the evaluation not take place before the end of the year. The superintendent needs to establish her goals and set them in place. It was decided that the superintendent's evaluation take place at the April 8th, 2019 meeting.
- K. School Committee Evaluation
Mr. Evren went over the school committee evaluation which was based on the frameworks from MA Association of School Superintendents. The committee was given thirty-seven questions which they had to score. 1=Don't know; 2=Disagree; 3=Agree and 4=Strongly Agree. Questions covered Governance; Operations; Member Relations; Committee/Superintendent Relations; Strategic Planning and Fiscal Management; Community Relations and Conduct of Meetings. Each member then scored each question the scoring was then averaged out. Of the thirty-seven questions asked twelve disagreed; sixteen agreed and nine strongly agreed. The committee agreed the self-evaluation was helpful in summarizing their thoughts.
- V. Upcoming Business:
 - A. Private Schools for 2018-2019
MacDuffie
Children First Inc.
- VI. Policy:
 - A.

- VII. Standing Reports:
- A. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Stanton
 Superintendent Stanton congratulated Grace Sinclair whose artwork was part of Amherst's Arts Nite celebration at the Emily Dickinson Museum. There was a combination of district-based, instructional leadership team, and teacher-led professional development for the start of the year. A thank you to all the staff that created and presented outstanding professional development for their colleagues. There were 734 students present for the start of school with our preschool and kindergarten students.
 - B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson
 - C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren
 Mr. Evren thanked the committee, Mr. Martin, Town Administrator and Mr. Lataille, East Meadow Principal for all of their work on the building project The West Street School was officially released back to the Town on August 20, 2018.
 - D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz
 The subcommittee will be meeting September 17, 2018.

- VIII. Correspondence:
- A. Minutes: August 27, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)
 - B. Professional Teacher Status – Alyssa Mullin-Lesley Mahoney (Agenda item III. A)
 - C. Class Size/Enrollment (Agenda item IV. A)
 - D. Food Service Contract (Agenda item IV B)
 - E. Immaculate Heart of Mary Contract 2018 – 2019 (Agenda item IV. C)
 - F. GAA Contract 2018-2019 (Agenda item IV. D)
 - G. Grade 6 hire (Agenda item IV.E)
 - H. Soar (Agenda item IV. F)
 - I. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item IVI. G)
 - J. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item IV. H)
 - K. School Committee Goals (Agenda item IV. I)
 - L. Superintendent Evaluation (Agenda item IV. J)
 - M. School Committee Evaluation (Agenda item IV. K)
 - N. Private Schools (Agenda item V. A)

II. Adjournment:
 VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:02 P.M.

III. Vote to enter into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Part (a)(3) to discuss strategy with regard to collective bargaining as doing so in an Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee. The Committee will not return to Open Session.

Granby Public Schools Mission Statement

Granby Public Schools provide a safe and creative environment that empowers all students to be critical thinkers, socially responsible citizens, and effective communicators.

Granby Public Schools Vision Statement

The Granby Public Schools' vision is to provide real-world learning experiences that prepare students for success in a diverse and global society.

Granby Public Schools Strategic Goals

- Goal #1: Develop and implement (P)K-12 curricula, supported by authentic learning in all content areas.
- Goal #2: Granby Public Schools leadership team will exemplify transparency and trustworthiness, and engage with all members of the school district and community.

- Goal #3: Provide the necessary technology to support curricular needs.
Goal #4: Develop modern facilities that support authentic learning environments.

The Granby Public School Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Therefore, the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Visitors wishing to address the School Committee must do so adhering to the guidelines and specifications as outlined in Granby Public School Policy BEDG.

A copy of the full policy can be found at www.granbypublicschoolsma.net or by contacting the Superintendent's office at 413-467-7193.

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[Per MGL Ch. 30A sect. 20(e) anyone wishing to video or audio record an open session of the school committee meeting must notify the Chairperson. We request such notification five (5) days prior to the meeting date.]**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Harrop,
Recording Secretary for the School Committee