



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

January 7, 2019

6:30 P.M.

EAST MEADOW SCHOOL – EAST MEADOW LIBRARY
MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski, Vice-Chair; Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz; Ms. Jennifer Curran; Ms. Jasmine Rodrigues-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 6:33 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

- A. **VOTE:** Minutes: December 17, 2018
- B. **VOTE:** Donations – Computer
- C. **VOTE:** Warrant articles – 0038 - 0039 - 0041

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from December 17, 2018, computer donations and warrant articles 0038, 0039 and 0041.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

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).

Ms. LaMorder advised that the union purchased personal care items to be sent home with students. This allowed the faculty to be able to purchase mittens and gloves. The PTO also donated items.

III. Student Representative Report:

Ms. Rodrigues-Jones reported that Spirit week was held in December with a candy cane day and a crazy hat day, Spirit week will also be held again in February. Winter sports have started and are off to a good start. The seniors have started counting down the days to the end of school and graduation. Mrs. Claus came to visit the classrooms and hand out candy canes.

Ms. Jordan Healy is collecting data from surveys that were on line and interviewing students and faculty on the school culture and climate. She will report back to the committee after all the data is completed.

IV. New Business:

A. Targeted Review Report

Discussion: We have received the report on the Targeted Review that was conducted from March 5 – 7, 2018. The team had an orientation with district leaders and principals, interviews with district staff and principals, teacher focus groups, interview with teachers' association, review of personnel files, school

committee interviews and visits to PD sessions. Interviews were held with district staff and principals, teacher, students and parent focus groups and town officials. Visits were also held at West Street, East Meadow and the High School. Classroom observations were also held. It was noted that Granby is confronted with one of the steepest student enrollment and teacher workforce declines in the Commonwealth. A strength finding was that district leaders are exercising decisive leadership, acting as a team, developing the leadership skill of educators and supporting educators as together they implement the district's emerging improvement strategies. Interviews and a document review indicated that the district's leadership team has taken steps to improve district performance on multiple standards. The leadership team is focused on raising expectations of the district. District leaders and town officials have not developed a systemic approach for collaboratively addressing the educational and financial challenges that the district and the town face. They acknowledged the tension between them and would like to improve the situation. It is recommended the school committee, superintendent and town leaders should work together to forge a new approach to district-town collaboration.

B. Head lice Policy Revision

Discussion: Ms. Jenks, Nurse Leader reported that there have been a few cases of head lice in the District. The committee feels that a general letter should be sent out to the parents to watch for signs of head lice. It was decided that if more than one case was reported in the District a letter would be sent home. Our current policy is out of date and needs to be amended. The Wellness Committee is scheduled to meet on March 6th, 2019 at 2:45 in the Media Center of the Jr./Sr. High School.

V. Old Business:

A. School Committee Goals

A meeting will be scheduled to go over the school committee goals and objectives.

B. School Committee Onboarding Handbook

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve the School Committee Onboarding Handbook as amended.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

C. Policies: Sections: A – B – C tabled to January 28th, 2019

D. Policies: Sections: D – E – F tabled to January 28th, 2019

E. Technology Audit

MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the Technology Audit with the addition of \$2,500 being added to the cost of the original contract, bringing the total amount of the contract to \$7,500.00. Mr. Lukaskiewicz reported that the time line will change by approximately one week.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

F. Mindfulness Pilot

Discussion: Implementing the program at the elementary level is different than at the high school level.

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the Mindfulness Pilot at the elementary level.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton reported that Mrs. Claus made her way through the classrooms to hand out candy canes to the students.

- B. Business Office & Facilities Report Mr. Tarquini
 - 1. Budget FY18
The FY18 Budget was closed in December.
 - 2. Budget FY19 – January 28, 2019
 - 3. Chartwells update – January 28, 2019
- C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson
- D. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren
A walkthrough was held today, January 7, 2019. The last pieces are being tied up. The building committee will reconvene as there are issues coming up with a brand new building.
- E. Policy Subcommittee Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz
- F. Budget Subcommittee Mr. Evren & Mr. Simpson
- G. Community Relations Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz
The committee does not have a directive as to what direction to proceed. To be discussed at a future meeting.

IX. Correspondence:

- A. Minutes: December 17, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)
- B. Donations – Computer (Agenda item I.B)
- C. Warrant Articles 0038 – 0039 - 0041 (Agenda item I.C)
- D. Targeted Review Report (Agenda item IV.A)
- E. Head lice Policy Revision (Agenda item IV.B)
- F. School Committee Goals (Agenda item V.A)
- G. Onboarding (Agenda item V.B)
- H. Policies A – B – C (Agenda item V.C)
- I. Policies D – E – F (Agenda item V.D)
- J. (Technology Audit (Agenda item V.E)
- K. Mindfulness Pilot (Agenda item V.F)

- X. 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.

XI. Adjournment:

Roll call vote Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:30 P.M.

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.

“Please be advised that this meeting will be video and audio taped as well as televised”

[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