



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

April 23, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Marie McCourt Secretary (resigned); Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Curran; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski; Ms. Anabel Evren (Student Representative)

ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. Sheryl Stanton, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Mark Chapulis, 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 6:35 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: April 2, 2018

B. Minutes: April 9, 2018

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the consent agenda.

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).

Mr. Evren invited the community to come to our next meeting, which will be the budget presentation to the public. The presentation will be held at the East Meadow Cafeteria.

III. Student Representative Report:

Ms. Evren reported that HOPE will be having a food drive for the spring, items collected will be donated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors; Student Council elected the new RSAC delegates and will be electing their new executive council at the next meeting; at the last RSAC meeting we discussed the work from the past year and we finished our final report and welcomed guests; we outlined some things to help future delegates to continue making our school environment a more positive place; the civics group worked on pre-registration for voting as well as increasing the amount of civic engagement and political groups in school; Spirit week was held the week before vacation, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves; students will have feedback on the Blizzard Bag, there has been a lot of discussion on this; the students had an orderly walk-out, protesting gun violence; the Senior Prom will be held on April 28th;

Mr. Evren listed the colleges that our seniors have been accepted at this coming fall, it was a very impressive list.

IV. New Business:

A. Presentation by Strategic Planning Task Force Committee

Superintendent Stanton gave a slide presentation of the *Granby Public Schools Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2022*. She thanked the members of the committee for all of their hard work and dedication in creating the plan. We now have a guide of plans that we would like to accomplish in the District they include: Offer innovative and continuous learning experiences; Celebrate Success and Engage Community; Focus on Social,

Emotional and Physical Well-Being and Proper Resources to sustain best possible learning environment.

B. 2018-2019 High School Program of Studies

Discussion re: Proposal to change graduation requirements (Science & Social Studies)
Proposal to reduce the number of graduation requirements in history and science from 20 to 15

C. Proposal for change in high school schedule for final exams

Discussion on the request by Principal Sullivan to have an early release on the days of final exams, June 8th, June 11th and June 12th, 2018.

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the request to have an additional three days of early dismissal for final exams.

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

V. Old Business:

A. Chartwells

Reviewed year to date food service report. At present Chartwells is showing a loss of \$33,599. Chartwells will waive \$15,000 showing a loss of \$18,599. Currently the meal counts are down from last year. We are rewriting the menu. We have also made personal changes to lower labor costs. We are also trying new products to try and lower food costs. Student likes and dislikes change every year as we have new students and they are selective with what they eat. Currently we are looking at an \$18,000 deficit.

B. Budget FY18

Current with year to date expenses. Currently we have expended 70% of the budget. Tracking of all budget items at years end becomes very important. The grants are tracking right on. Looking at salary projections, we could have tuition and transportation changes.

C. Budget FY19

There have been two major changes to the budget. \$200,000 from the town has been added to the budget also from Ways and Means Chapter 75 numbers from the state have increased and we are receiving an additional \$7,580 changing our gap by \$207,580. Ms. LaMorder addressed that revenue is down due to the fact that several homes have been taken down on the approach to Westover and a solar farm has replaced them. Mr. Evren noted that the last meeting with the town boards has changed tone and direction. All boards are trying to focus on the problems and we are talking in positive terms. Immediate and long term plans are being recognized and need to be addressed.

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

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VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton reported that a birthday celebration was held for the oldest resident of Granby, Mrs. Margaret Cox. Students had made her cards and there were cupcakes and balloons in her honor. The first open house was held at East Meadow. There were members from the community and students from West Street in attendance. We are looking forward for the construction to be completed.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Mr. Simpson

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Evren

D. Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

IX. Correspondence:

A. Minutes: April 2, 2018 (Consent Agenda item I. A)

B. Minutes: April 9, 2018 (Consent Agenda item I. B)

- C. Presentation by Strategic Planning Task Force Committee (Agenda item IV.A)
 - D. 2018-2019 High School Program of Studies (Agenda item IV. B)
 - E. Proposal for change in high school schedule for final exams (Agenda item IV.C)
 - F. Chartwells (Agenda item V.A)
 - F. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item V.B)
 - G. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item V.C)
- X. MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded Mr. Simpson to adjourn the Regular School Committee Meeting.
 VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:10 P.M. there will not be an Executive 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