



## GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### School Committee Meeting, November 21, 2016, 6:30 P.M. Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Donna Gnatek Media Center MINUTES

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Mr. James Pietras, Secretary (absent); Ms. Jennifer Curran; Ms. Marie McCourt; 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:** Kristen Naglieri, GEA President (absent)

#### I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M.

#### II. Approval of Minutes:

##### A. November 7, 2016

MOTION: Ms. McCourt moved, seconded by Ms. Curran, to approve the minutes of November 7, 2016, as presented.

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

#### III. 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).

#### IV. Student Representative Report:

Ms. Evren reported that the Special Olympics was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and several members of HOPE participated; the Halloween Trick or Treat was again a huge success; on November 18<sup>th</sup>, there was a Grab N' Go Dinner before the Bonfire, both events had a great turnout currently there is a canned goods drive going on that will end on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Granby girls' soccer team won the Western Mass D-3 title. Congratulations also to the boys' soccer team who had a great season.

#### V. New Business:

##### A. Collaborative Executive Director - Bill Diehl

Mr. Diehl was welcomed by the committee and he in turned thanked them and acknowledged the work that Superintendent Stanton was doing with the Collaborative and he also welcomed Ms. Curran as a new board member. Mr. Diehl spoke briefly on the programs offered by the Collaborative; Special Education, Alternative Pathways; Technical Assistance; Technology; Early Childhood and Enrichment Programs. The Collaborative also has strategic goals in place, Goal #1: Meeting Member District Needs; Goal #2: Fostering the Success of children, Youth and Families Placed at Risk; Goal #3: Developing Exemplary Educators; and Goal #4; Innovative Practices. There are thirty-six member districts that are part of the collaborative and they have become a voice for the districts in the eastern part of the state.

- B. Capital Improvement – John Sullivan  
Mr. Sullivan spoke on the Capital Improvements that are needed at the high school. Currently several doors need replacement or repair at the high school along with the security access control. He is also requesting a flatbed dump truck to be added to the Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that this would be needed for snow plowing before the next school year. He is requesting a F’350 with a 9’ plow from the state bid with a cost of \$45,565. The committee requested that he go out for three bids from area dealers to see if they can get a lower quote. Superintendent Stanton thanked Mr. Sullivan for the repairs that have been done to the buildings.  
The committee would like the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan reprioritized.
  
- C. Peacebuilders & AP - Jonathan Cavallo  
Mr. Cavallo, Principal updated the committee regarding Peacebuilders and Mr. John Smolenski, Senior Field Director of Mass Insight updated the committee on the AP courses being offered at the high school. Currently we are in year three of a three year contract. The Goals of Mass Insight were to increase Participation, Performance and increase College Success. We find the courses offered to be at a more rigorous level than those offered at HCC. A national exam is offered at the end of the course, if you score a three or higher you can earn college credit while still in high school. The number of students that are participating in the program for the school year 2016-2017 is currently twenty-three juniors and thirty-seven seniors.  
Mr. Cavallo reported that the goal is to implement PeaceBuilders in the last half of the school year. Mr. Cavallo and the team are working with the feedback they are receiving from the first day of school.

VI. Old Business:

- A. School Physician Responsibilities  
Ms. Jenks reported that currently the physician’s contract is in draft form. She currently has contracts from three different districts to work with. The committee suggested being as specific in the job description and what is to be expected. We need to be clear with the expectations that are put in the contract.
  
- B. Strategic Plan review and alignment  
The committee is planning on having a workshop to reprioritize the Strategic Plan.
  
- C. SoftRight – update  
Superintendent Stanton reported that the program is on target. The committee suggested meeting with the Select Board to decide on a timeline.
  
- D. Structured Learning Center – update  
Ms. Hepworth will present an update at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the school committee.

VII. Upcoming Business:

- A. Policy  
Workshop planned to bring policy work up to date.

VIII. Standing Reports:

- A. Superintendent’s Report Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton attended the MASC/MASS conference with Ms. Curran. The conference focused on the Social Emotional Learning Process. We found that Granby has implemented a great deal of what was discussed. Our curriculum is aligned with the Social Emotional Learning Process. A presentation of our Emergency Operational Manual was given by Dr. Houle and Superintendent Stanton spoke on the implementation of the plan. Kudos to the acting fire chief and everyone who worked on the manual. Granby has much to offer the Commonwealth. Superintendent Stanton will be participating in a workshop for Chapter 70 funding. The contracts for Units A, C & D have been ratified. Superintendent Stanton thanked the students and staff for a successful bonfire. The Thanksgiving luncheon was a great success at West Street, she thanked the staff of Chartwells for a job well done. The half day at East Meadow was pajama day which was a lot of fun for everyone. A thank you to the boys and girls soccer teams who had a great season.

- B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Ms. Curran  
Ms. Curran found the MASC/MASS conference very informative and suggested that all board members try to attend the conference for at least one day. She found Granby to be ahead in many areas. Professional development programs and workshops are provided to all educators throughout the year.
  - C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Pietras & Mr. Evren  
Mr. Evren reported the West Street Building is on track. The specs should be going out for bid soon. It has been worked into the bid process that the company selected will work around the schedule of the school and will work after the students have been dismissed.
  - D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. McCourt & Mr. Evren  
Ms. McCourt reported that they will be holding a workshop the first part of December to resume work on the remaining policies.
- I. Correspondence:
- A. Minutes November 7, 2016 (Agenda item II.A)
  - B. Collaborative Executive Director - Bill Diehl (Agenda item V.A)
  - C. Capital Improvement – John Sullivan (Agenda item V.B)
  - D. Peacebuilders - Jonathan Cavallo (Agenda item V.C)
  - E. School Physician Responsibilities (Agenda item VI. A)
  - F. Strategic Plan review and alignment (Agenda item VI.B)
  - G. SoftRight (Agenda item VI.C)
  - H. Structured Learning Center (VI.D)
- IX. 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.

VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Ms. McCourt, aye; Mr. Evren, aye, to enter Executive Session at 9:20 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](http://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