



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting
February 26, 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 6:33 P.M

II. Committee Update:

Ms. McCourt – resignation

Mr. Evren accepted the resignation of Ms. McCourt from the school committee and thanked her for her contributions and passion for the students and community of Granby.

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).

Several parents spoke regarding a recent incident that took place in our community that was disturbing to parents and students. It was regarding a student who attends the Granby Schools and they wanted to know what action was taking place to protect the students. Students are looking for answers on how to end gun violence. Superintendent Stanton advised that the police department was notified and they handled the situation without incident. She noted that this is a difficult time to be a parent. She advised that school safety is taken seriously and previously a safety committee had been created and safety drills are practiced with the students and staff. Support services are available for students we have our Social Emotional Learning Program and Quabbin Mediation for the students at the high school. Students can meet with counselors when they feel that they need to. We stress *"If You See Something – Say Something"* let an adult know what is happening. We also have our PeaceBuilders program. Several parents also asked why we needed to take students from area districts into our school system as school choice students. Superintendent Stanton advised that parents have the right to send their child(ren) to an area district school for different reasons: smaller school, smaller class sizes, change in environment, sports, etc. We cannot screen students that have applied for school choice.

IV. New Business:

A. Town Meeting – February 13, 2018 – impact on FY18 & FY19

The school had four articles for discussion for the special town meeting that was held on February 13, 2018. These articles were related to unanticipated expenses for the school department. Passed; Article 1 – funding a new special educational tuition in the amount of \$84,085.61; and Article 4 – to fund required transitional services in the amount of \$19,500.00. Not Passed; Article 2 – funding and transportation for a student attending Smith Vocational High School in the

amount of \$33,828.00; and Article 3 – funding a new Grade 2 teacher in the amount of \$49,163.03.

- B. Marketing of the new school
Discussion: how many seats will be available in each grade, how do we market our new building?
Superintendent Stanton will be presenting how many seats will be available at a future meeting. We will be having an open house for the community and for school choice parents in the future.
 - C. DESE - District Targeted Review
A District Targeted Review is scheduled for next week. The law states that a review needs to be scheduled for districts that perform at a four or five and a random selection is scheduled for districts that perform at a one, two or three.
- V. Old Business:
- A. FY19 Budget
Superintendent Stanton presented an overview of the FY19 budget and spoke briefly on each topic: FY18 Accomplishments; Goals of the Budget; Additional Resource Requests; How Schools Receive Funding; District Comparisons' of Net School Spending and Preliminary LEA Estimates for FY19.
- VI. Upcoming Business:
- VII. Policy:
- IV. Correspondence:
- A. Ms. McCourt – resignation (Agenda item II.A)
 - B. Town Meeting - February 13, 2018 – impact on FY18 & FY19 (Agenda IV.A)
 - C. Marketing of the new school (Agenda item IV.B)
 - D. ESE District Targeted Review (Agenda item IV.C)
 - E. Budget FY19 (Agenda item V.A.)
- 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.

VOTE: Mr. Simpson, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:00 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.

"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