



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

January 22, 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 (absent); Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Curran (absent); 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 6:44 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes: January 8, 2018
- B. Continued participation in School Choice for 2018-2019
- C. Dispose of obsolete and dysfunctional computer equipment – David Lukaskiewicz

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the consent agenda as amended. Sentence from the Superintendent's Evaluation should read "*They rated her as being proficient/exemplary.*"

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. Student Representative Report:

Ms. Evren reported that the HOPE Club held their Secret Santa program for foster children, they only had one week to shop for all the items on their wish lists. The Jr./Sr. High band held their Winter Concert on January 18th; the Junior High Spirit dance will be held Friday, January 26th from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.; STUCO are working on new fundraisers for organizations like Shriner's, currently working on a pep rally and a sticky note project for the teachers; regarding the Blizzard Bag assignments there are concerns as homework is already given for snow days and now in addition we have the blizzard bag assignments; feedback is being collected and will be brought forward in the future; most of the seniors have finished their college applications more college flags are being posted on the bulletin board; RSAC will be holding a meeting on February 2nd; SSAC held a meeting on January 18th with low attendance due to midterms/finals a future meeting will be held on February 15th; the Commissioner search is down to three candidates; the history and social studies curriculum framework is being revised from the 2003 revision; a winter clothing drive for students from Puerto Rico will be held; Leading the Nation Campaign to celebrate the 25th year of MA being #1 in Education, looking for photos of students to be the face of the campaign and possible appearance on the PBS show; Wellness workgroup, wellness week will be held in the spring to highlight wellness; working on a spreadsheet of schools with wellness policies and those without

looking to see when they were last updated and if they are in compliance with the laws; Mental Health, continuation of sticky note projects to bring to RSACs; Civics, voter registration and figuring out how to fill the gaps in the civics framework.

IV. New Business:

A. Lunch services and Chartwells Contract

Discussion on lunch services. Could the lunch program be brought back and run by the schools or should it be run by an outside service. Would this be cost effective?

MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to go to bid for lunch services for 2018-2019.

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

Amended MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to go to bid for the lunch services for 2018-2019 and do a due diligence for in-house services.

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

B. TMS Contract – The Management Solutions, Inc.

Discussion: A full time business manager would attend all school committee meetings, town meetings, etc. Motion to reach out to other districts that are the same size as Granby to see what responsibilities their business managers are assigned.

V. Old Business:

A. Strategic Plan and Review

The committee will be meeting on January 31, 2018. The mission and vision statements have been revised and are complete.

B. Budget FY2018

Discussion: The committee would like to schedule meetings with the Selectboard and Finance Committee after October 1st; January 1st and once again during the budget sessions.

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

The Superintendent reported that we have now used the Blizzard Bags for two snow days. A survey will be sent out to gather thoughts and ideas on how this pilot program worked. Thank you to Ms. Sapowsky for her photos of the Holiday Luncheons and to all who helped with the Holiday Luncheons at both West Street and East Meadow Schools. Tours and an open house are planned for East Meadow, dates to be announced. The Superintendent also thanked everyone for everything that they do to make Granby Public Schools a Great Place to Learn and Grow.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Mr. Simpson

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Evren

The building committee is on track, schedule for move during the February break. The current 4th, 5th & 6th grades will move into the new section of the East Meadow School.

D. Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

A meeting is scheduled for the policy subcommittee,

IX. Correspondence:

A. Minutes January 8, 2017 (Consent Agenda item I.A)

B. Vote – Continued participation in School Choice 2018-2019 (Consent Agenda item I.B)

C. Disposal of obsolete & dysfunctional computer equipment (Consent Agenda item I.C.)

- C. Strategic Plan and Review (Agenda item V.A)
 - D. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item V.B)
- 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.

An Executive Session will not be held.

VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:55 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.

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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