



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting, December 5, 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; Ms. Jennifer Curran (absent); 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

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. November 21, 2016

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

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-1) Abstain Mr. Pietras

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. New Business:

A. Review past Capital Improvement Plans:

Discussion regarding past Capital Improvement Plans: The Capital Plan for 2017-2022 was worked on by John Sullivan, Maintenance Director, Jonathan Cavallo, Principal Jr./Sr. High School, Judy Houle, Interim Superintendent, Deborah Barthelette, Principal West Street and Jennifer Champagne, Principal East Meadow. The Capital Plan that addresses the East Meadow School has been eliminated with the new construction that will be taking place. The committee feels that a meeting should be held with the Town Officials and the Selectboard, to have a conversation regarding re-prioritizing the Capital Improvement Plans. An increase in funding for technology from the Town side should be included in the Capital Plan. The Capital Plan submitted November 14, 2016 for FY18 included the following: Granby Jr./Sr. High School doors and security access control, three exterior doors are in need of repair and one set of interior fire doors requires replacement. Total of repairs to the Jr./Sr. High School for door replacement is \$60,000. Also included for the maintenance department was a truck for plowing for \$45,000. The committee had requested that Mr. Sullivan, Director of Maintenance acquire quotes from area dealers. He has received a quote from Marcotte Ford with the specifications needed in the amount of \$41,476. This year one of the three boilers that need replacement at the high school is not moving forward as planned we are looking for funding from MSBA. There has also been a hold put on windows for the high school.

V. Old Business:

A. School Physician Responsibilities:

Discussion regarding the contract for the School Physicians responsibilities. The committee would like to add to the contract that it is for an *academic year*. If the current physician does not sign the contract he may finish off the school year. The school committee then approved the contract submitted by Ms. Jenks, Nurse Leader.

B. Strategic Plan review and alignment:

The committee will review the Strategic Plan at a future workshop. They will look at past agendas to plan the outline for future agendas.

C. Structured Learning Center – update – Ms. Hepworth

A slide presentation was given by Ms. Hepworth. Currently there are six teachers working in the Structured Learning Center. There are six students enrolled in the SLC. The SLC provides the students with a small structured classroom with individualized instruction, inclusive opportunities and therapeutic support. Each student receives counseling support, clinical consultation and program meetings each week. Projected enrollment for the school year 2017-2018 would be for an additional two, ninth graders and two, eleventh graders. At present we can provide services to twelve students. Keeping students in Granby keeps them closer to home and we have an excellent staffing.

VI. Upcoming Business:

A. Policy

A future workshop is planned to update remaining policies.

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton introduced her mentor Mr. Jim Marini. Mr. Marini reported that the turnover in superintendents is extreme. Currently there are fifteen to twenty positions open which will double over the few next years. There are no answers as to why the turnover of superintendents is so great. This provides inconsistency and is disruptive when trying to provide a structured curriculum. The Department of Education and the MASS are trying to help superintendents develop a relationship with their school committee, structure, accountability, student achievement and social emotional learning. Superintendent Stanton is very active in this program. The school committee and superintendent need to develop goals which they can work on together and can be addressed to the district and community to build a working relationship. I find this committee to be headed in the right direction. Superintendent Stanton thanked Mr. Marini for attending the school committee and continued on with her report. Superintendent Stanton reported that the following events took place recently; the Jr. Class held a bonfire on November 18; East Meadow had a pajama day on the half day before Thanksgiving along with a literacy and spirit week; West Street held a food drive and for every item brought in the students were able to add a feather to the turkey; West Street also held their turkey dinner for parents and guardians; Ms. Jenks, Nurse Leader held a flu clinic for staff and Winter sports are now underway which includes downhill skiing with Pope Francis High School. A Christmas Chaos will be performed December 15 – 18 students are encouraged to attend. A thank you to the Granby Athletic Booster Club for a donation of \$750.00.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Ms. Curran

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Pietras & Mr. Evren

Proceeding on schedule.

VIII. Correspondence:

- A. Minutes November 21, 2016 (Agenda item II.A)
- B. Review past Capital Improvement Plan (Agenda item IV.A)
- C. School Physician Responsibilities (Agenda item VI. A)
- D. Strategic Plan review and alignment (Agenda item VI.B)
- E. Structured Learning Center – update – Ms. Hepworth (Agenda item V.C)

- 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 8:20 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 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