



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

July 9, 2018

6:30 P.M.

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Curran, Secretary; Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski, Ms. Jamie Jones (Student Representative)

ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. Sheryl Stanton, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, Director of Business; 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 6:34 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: June 18, 2018

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MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve the consent agenda as amended. [Mr. Simpson and Ms. Curran were absent from the meeting]

VOTE: All in favor (3-1-1) Mr. Simpson abstain, Ms. Curran, absent.

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).

A member from the audience raised questions regarding the addition and renovation of East Meadow and replacement of the roof at the Jr./Sr. High School.

III. New Business:

A. Student Handbook

The student handbook will be completed next week the changes that are made will be done in color. There are changes to the Tobacco Policy.

There are not many changes for the elementary school handbook.

B. Parking Policy – Jr./Sr. High School

Discussion regarding the Parking Policy: There will be a split fee schedule. The students who receive their license after the first of the year will not have to pay for a full year with the new policy. Question regarding the on-line form. The student will be informed of the on-line form when they go to the office to inquire as to where they can find the forms to fill out for a parking permit.

C. Wellness Policy

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the updated Wellness Policy as presented.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

- D. New Subcommittees (Discussion and Vote)
Discussion regarding what sub-committees should be brought forward for approval. Currently we have a Policy Sub-Committee. Propose that a Community Relations Sub-Committee and a Budget Finance Sub-Committee be brought forward.
MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the new Community Relations Sub-Committee.
VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)
MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the new Budget Finance Sub-Committee.
VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)
- MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to be self-appointed to the Community Relations Sub-Committee.
VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)
- MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Mr. Evren to be self-appointed to the Budget Finance Sub-Committee.
VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)
- MOTION: Mr. Evren moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the change in member rolls. Ms. Curran is stepping down as Secretary and Ms. Payne-Rokowski will be taking her place as Secretary. The title of Secretary will be changed to Vice-Chair.
VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

IV. Old Business:

- A. Blizzard Bag
Survey and comments from students. Last year was the pilot program of using the *Blizzard Bag*. We will revise the way the program works from feedback from families and students. What is the goal of Blizzard Bag days? What are we trying to achieve? The following should be addressed standards, frameworks and expectations of students and staff. Parents and teachers approved of the program where the high school students did not. Teachers should be available for questions during the regular school day. There has been a lot of excitement on this type of learning. It was found that the students who graduated were not prepared for on- line learning. A Blizzard Bag day will not be given if we have a storm before the November meeting.
- B. Budget FY2018
An audit is being conducted on the FY2018 budget to make sure we are ending the year adequately. We will have a clean slate going into FY2019.
Mr. Tarquini, Director of Business gave a draft of his Entry Plan. His plan included the following with time lines: 1. Entry Plan Activities – to be completed from July 2018 - September 2018; 2. Review past practices and begin a training needs analysis for the Central Office staff and school staff to gauge current effectiveness in support of the district's financial goals – to be completed July 2018 – December 2018; 3. Enhance the day to day practices by implementing financial literacy training throughout the district – to be completed September 2018 – December 2018; 4. Improve the day to day communication between the business office and all departments including the town and the school committee – to be completed July 2018 – June 2019
- C. Budget FY2019
We are set up for the FY2019 budget.

V. Upcoming Business:

- VI. Policy:
 - A.

- VII. Standing Reports:
 - A. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Stanton
 - B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson
 - C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren
 Mr. Evren reported that the building committee is on track and they approved some change orders at their last meeting. The dedication of East Meadow will be held during the week of September 17, 2018.
 - D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz

- VIII. Correspondence:
 - A. Minutes: June 18, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)
 - B. Student Handbook (Agenda item III.A)
 - C. Parking Policy – Jr./Sr. High School (Agenda item III.B)
 - D. Wellness Policy (Agenda item III.C)
 - E. New Subcommittees (Discussion and Vote)(Agenda item III.D)
 - F. Blizzard Bag (Agenda item IV.A)
 - G. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item IV.B)
 - H. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item IV.C)

VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:25 P.M.

- 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.

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