



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting, February 27, 2017, 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; 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 6:34 P.M.

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. New Business:

IV. Old Business:

A. Budget FY2017

The FY2017 Budget will be discussed at the March 6th, 2017 meeting of the school committee. Tonight's discussion will be the FY2018 Budget. A vote will not be taken at this meeting. We are starting to share what we have for the development of the budget. Superintendent Stanton explained that the Leadership Team has been working on preparing the FY2018 Budget. We are trying to pinpoint what our commitments and influences are. To date we have the following: Social Emotional Learning; increased needs for Technology; maintaining Instructional Programs and meeting the needs of students. Changes that have influenced our revenue are: changes in enrollment since 2009; changes in school choice the number of students choosing to choice out and those that are incoming is almost equal; the elimination of the kindergarten grant; increase in special education tuition; increase in ELL needs; Contractual obligations and fixed cost increases that we have no control over. Mr. Chapulis presented an overview of the FY17 and FY18 Budget. There was approximately a 5% increase in the FY18 budget.

Mr. Evren introduced State Representative Solomon Goldstein-Rose who represents Granby and Amherst. Representative Goldstein-Rose spoke regarding the proposed 70 Foundation Budget . Chapter 70 funding and the required district contribution add up to a little more than the foundation budget which was set thirty years ago. They have found that this formula is no longer accurate. Health care and the percentage of special education students moving into a district cannot be determined in advance. Challenging districts need to hang on. If the fair share amendment passes we are looking at two-thirds to go to education. If this bill passes we would not see funding for this budget and next year will be tight and the following year we should be ok. Superintendent Stanton added that we are dealing with declining enrollment and we are competing for school choice seats, we find this problem in Western Mass and this is a great

concern. Mr. Evren thanked Representative Goldstein-Rose for attending our meeting.

B. District Partnerships

Mr. Evren assured the community that we are not looking into Regionalizing, (*at this time, as amended*). Ms. Curran will present an overview regarding Regionalization and the steps and process involved. This is a three year process; year one choosing the right school district; year two scheduling a feasibility study and securing a vote from the town and the choice town involved. Everyone has to be on board with complete cooperation, the school committee, the select board, the finance committee and the town. Everyone involved must understand that this can be a very costly undertaking; year three is the transition year which can take from six months up to a year and a half. There are costs that need to be taken into consideration, transportation, salary scales of both districts, faculty, the curriculum would need to be aligned for both districts. This can be very complicated and time consuming.

C. Accelerated Repair - Vote

This would be the first step of the process to move forward with the Accelerated Repair process in working with MSBA. The vote reads as follows:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 6, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Granby School Committee of Granby, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated February 17, 2017 for the Granby Jr./Sr. High School located at 385 East State Street, Granby, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to address health and safety issues relative to aging roof, doors, and windows which allows moisture to penetrate the building envelope. In addition, the compromised building envelope makes heating and air quality inefficient and unsafe (priorities 1 and 5).; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The committee moved to approve the Accelerated Repair Program. All in favor. Aye.

V. Correspondence:

- A. Budget FY2017 (Agenda item IV.A)
- B. District Partnership (Agenda item IV.B)
- C. Accelerated Repair (Agenda Item IV.C)

VI. 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.

VII. Adjournment:

VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Pietras, aye; Ms. McCourt, aye; Mr. Evren, aye, to enter Executive Session at 8:07 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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Respectfully submitted,

Emre Evren
Chairperson, Granby School Committee

Kathleen Harrop,
Recording Secretary for the School Committee