



**GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**School Committee Meeting**

**December 17, 2018**

**Meeting with SelectBoard at the Senior Center at 6:45 P.M.**

**Regular School Committee Meeting to follow**

**EAST MEADOW SCHOOL – EAST MEADOW LIBRARY  
MINUTES**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski, Vice-Chair; Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz; Ms. Jennifer Curran (absent); Ms. Jasmine Rodrigues-Jones (Student Representative)

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Ms. Sheryl Stanton, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, 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 7:34 P.M.

Absent Ms. Curran

Consent Agenda:

- A. **VOTE:** Minutes: December 3, 2018  
Field trip – Mystic Aquarium  
Warrant articles – 0035 and 0036

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from December 3, 2018, field trip to Mystic Aquarium and warrant articles 0035 and 0036.

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).

IV. New Business:

- A. Kate Forest – Self Care Mindfulness Pilot  
Superintendent Stanton introduced Kate Forest. Ms. Forest is a Self-Care and Mindful Living Teacher and creator of Self Care Yoga, she is also a speaker, trainer and world care advocate. She presented *Mindfulness and Self Care in Education*. She presented Essential Self Care Teaching Skills which included: practice your own self-care daily (practice mindfulness-based Self-Care before sharing them with your students); make it an invitation (introduce Mindfulness and Self Care talk to invite students to take Self Care Breaks daily; Teach Self Care Daily (offer at least one self-care break daily); Create A Classroom Self Care Space (create a space that you and your students can use to sit, breathe, rest, renew and release stress); and Be Patient With Yourself and Your Students (take your time and be consistent in learning, practicing and teaching mindfulness-based Self Care Breaks. Integrate these teaching gradually and mindfully over the weeks, months and years to come). Ms. Forest explained how the Self-Care program can help reduce stress, build focus, strengthen social, emotional, cognitive and physical health.

- B. Corrective Action Plan  
 Discussion: Mr. Tarquini explained that the Granby Energy Committee is preparing the FY2019 Green Community Grant Application for submittal to MA DOER. Granby would like to upgrade the Jr./Sr. Lighting thru this grant. To maintain Granby's qualification status with MA DOER a Corrective Action Plan is required from the School pertaining to the previous Superintendent signing an unauthorized Emergency Management Services Contract with an approved MA DOER Contractor with the permission of the Town of Granby. Going forward all facilities related contracts pertaining to the School Department will be executed in conjunction with the Town of Granby.  
 MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve the Corrective Action Plan.  
**VOTE:** All in favor (4-0-0)

V. Old Business:

- A. School Committee Goals
- B. Onboarding  
 A few changes that are not clear need to be acted on.
- C. Policies: Sections: A – B – C  
 Table to January 7, 2019
- D. Policies: Sections: D – E – F  
 Table to January 7, 2019

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

VIII. Standing Reports:

- A. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Stanton  
 Superintendent Stanton reported that they officially kicked off the Ram Cam at Granby Jr./Sr. High School with the first taping being with the Superintendent and Mr. Tarquini, Business Manager. The Holiday Parent Luncheon held at East Meadow was a huge success. Thank you to Chartwell's for the amazing food and thank-you to all who took time of their day to attend. Over six hundred and twenty meals were served. A celebration was held for the John & Abigail Scholarship award winners and also for the National Honor Society inductees. Pajama day was a great day for all.
- B. Business Office & Facilities Report Mr. Tarquini
  - 1. Budget FY18  
 Mr. Tarquini reported that we received a letter from DESE looking for our end of the year report. We advised the Selectboard of the letter that we need to reconcile with the Town before the report can be submitted. We have been given an extension to the end of the month to submit the report.
  - 2. Budget FY19  
 Mr. Tarquini included a comparison between FY18 and FY19. Presently we have used 41% of the budget versus 45% for last year at this time. We have started to build the FY20 budget.
  - 3. Chartwells update
  - 4. A summary of the November expenses for Chartwells was included for review.
- C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson
- D. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren
- E. Policy Subcommittee Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz
- F. Budget Subcommittee Mr. Evren & Mr. Simpson
- G. Community Relations Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz

- IX. Correspondence:
- A. Minutes: December 3, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)
  - B. Mystic Aquarium Field Trip (Agenda item I.B)
  - C. Approve Warrant Articles 0035 & 0036 (Agenda item I.C)
  - D. Kate Forest - Self Care Mindfulness Pilot (Agenda item IV.A)
  - E. Corrective Action Plan (Agenda item IV.B)
  - F. School Committee Goals (Agenda item V.A)
  - G. Onboarding (Agenda item V.B)
  - H. Policies: Sections: A – B – C (Agenda item V.C)
  - I. Policies Sections: D – E – F (Agenda item V.D)
- X. Adjournment:  
Roll call vote Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:48 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](http://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