



**GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**School Committee Meeting**

**November 5, 2018**

**6:30 P.M.**

**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 6:32 P.M.

Absent Ms. Jennifer Curran.

Consent Agenda:

A. **VOTE:** Minutes: October 15, 2018

**MOTION:** Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the consent agenda.

**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. Jasmine Jones reported for the student body. Discussion on the Blizzard Bag assignments. Students feel that the amount of homework given in the blizzard bag exceeds the amount of work that they would receive if they attended class. Seniors feel that they shouldn't have to do the blizzard bag homework. Overall the blizzard bag is well liked by students because they don't have to make up snow days. In regards to the caffeine ban at the high school students feel that they should be able to have coffee in school. If not for all grades it should be a senior privilege. Mr. Evren spoke in regard to the caffeine ban that the ban on caffeine is not up to the school committee but to the Wellness Committee. Caffeine comes in many forms not just coffee and is difficult to manage in a school setting. Superintendent Stanton replied that a committee has been formed and they are working on a rubric regarding the time it should take for homework assigned in the blizzard bag. A discussion took place today with the faculty and we will have a work group session tomorrow to address this further. Superintendent Stanton would like to meet with HOPE, National Honor Society, Neighbors helping Neighbors just to name a few to celebrate the work of our students.

IV. New Business:

A. **VOTE:** Approval Private Schools for 2018-2019 (MacDuffie - Children First Enterprises Inc.)

Table - MacDuffie as a private school for 2018-2019.

Children First Enterprises, Inc.

Ms. Denette, Executive Director spoke of the programs offered at Children First. They had an amazing first year with their Kindergarten program. They had seven students and this year for year two they have ten students. Many of these children are Granby residents. The kindergarten students expressed that they would like more outside time as the other students have. Overall the parents are happy with the program. They have sessions with the parents and students in the evening so that the parents can meet one another and the students do not have a schedule to go by. On one of our discussions with parents which was brought up was the social emotional development of students. We are hearing more on this topic than in the past.

MOTION: Ms. Payne Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve Children First Enterprises Inc., as a private school for 2018-2019.

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

V. Old Business:

A. School Committee Goals

New member onboarding

Discussion: a handbook should be set up for new members and list what is expected of them throughout their term in office. A suggestion was that possibly a quick link could be set. Some of the items that could be listed would be Roberts Rules, content of Budget and what out of district meetings should be attended. This will be taken up with the committee to set.

Community relations

Discussion: The following is only a blueprint of what the committee would like to do. The committee would like to have a paraprofessional, student representative, parent, and a teacher from each school to help promote the events that would be happening. Establish a newsletter, inform the Sentinel and Town Reminder of what is happening in the schools. This committee would be constant and ongoing, how do we manage all of our goals? We would like to have several sub-committees to report back to us.

B. Enrollment update

Superintendent Stanton provided an update on our enrollment figures to the committee. She added that our numbers are always changing with families moving in and out of town and students changing schools. The administrative assistants will provide enrollment figures monthly.

C. High School roof - update

The roof over the gym of the Jr./Sr. High School was repaired during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> by Titan Roofing from Springfield. Since the roof was repaired there have not been any leaks in the gym. Mr. Martin and Mr. Tarquini will be working on a time line and report back to the committee as soon as this is completed. The payment for the work on the roof will be taken care of by the town.

D. Budget FY2018

E. Budget FY2019

VI. Upcoming Business:

A.

VII. Policy:

A.

- VIII. Standing Reports:
- A. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Stanton  
Superintendent Stanton reported that the Pre-school made their way through the entire East Meadow School with their Halloween costumes. They made new friends along the way as they greeted their siblings.
  - B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson
  - C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren
  - D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz  
The committee has section J to review all other sections have been sent to our attorney for review. Once that is completed they will be presented to the committee for approval.
  - E. Budget Subcommittee Mr. Evren & Mr. Simpson  
Mr. Evren advised that a meeting will be set up in November with Mr. Simpson and Mr. Tarquini to start to work on FY19 budget and finalize the FY18 budget.
  - F. Community Relations Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz
- IX. Correspondence:
- A. Minutes: October 15, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)
  - B. Approval Private Schools for 2018-2019 (MacDuffie – Children First Enterprises Inc.) (Agenda item IV.B)
  - C. School Committee Goals (Agenda item V.A)
  - C. Enrollment update (Agenda item V. B)
  - D. High School roof – update (Agenda item V.C)
  - E. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item V.D)
  - F. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item V.E)
- X. Adjournment:  
Roll call vote Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:56 P.M.
- XI. 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](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