



## GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### School Committee Meeting

February 11, 2019

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; 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 6:35 P.M.

##### Consent Agenda:

A. **VOTE:** Minutes: January 28, 2019

B. **VOTE:** Warrant - 0048

MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from January 28, 2019, warrant article 0048.

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

#### 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. Rodrigues-Jones reported that this week is Spirit Week at the high school. The students are working on posters to be judged later this week also a Pep Rally will be held on Friday. Friday will be a fun day at the high school. Shirts have ordered for color day which will be on Thursday. The girls' basketball team qualified for the Western Mass tournament. The band participated in honors day at Palmer High school and on Saturday at UMass. The Lacrosse team will be holding a fund raiser to be held at Chipotles on a Saturday, more information to follow.

#### IV. New Business:

A. Boy's JV Volleyball

B. MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the request to have a Boy's JV Volleyball team.

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

C. 2019 – 2020 Calendar

Discussion: The committee would like to have the students attend school on Good Friday so that the last day of school would not fall on a Monday.

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the 2019 – 2020 calendar as amended.

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

2018 – 2019 Calendar

Discussion: Mr. Sullivan, Principal requested that the committee approve that June 11, 12 & 13, 2019 be early dismissal days for the underclassmen as they would be taking finals on these days.

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the 2019 – 2020 calendar as amended.

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

D. Project Lead the Way

Mr. Sullivan discussed Project Lead the Way. The high school has received at 3 year \$20,000 grant through Project Lead the Way and Mass STEM Hub. They had applied for this grant last year and they did not get fully funded they did receive some start-up money which allowed them to train a teacher in the PLTW Design and Modeling curriculum and purchase supplies and equipment. The STEM grant will be offered to our middle school students. The grant will be used to purchase equipment and supplies and send staff to PLTW training. Over the next three years Design and Modeling (already in use) Science of Technology and Automation and Robotics will be offered to out middle school students.

E. SEL Program @ Elementary Level

Ms. Hepworth discussed the Social Emotional Learning program that is proposed for the elementary school. The creation of the Structured Learning center at the high school has had a tremendous impact on the students that are experiencing social-emotional learning difficulties. By providing a therapeutic setting they can continue their education in our school. We have successfully returned four students to the district and have avoided sending several others to private day placements at a savings of tuition and transportation costs to our district. We are proposing the need of a Structured Learning Center at the East Meadow School to create services for students who are in need of additional social, emotional and behavioral support.

MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to create a Social Emotional Learning program at the East Meadow School.

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

F. 3 Paraprofessionals

The three paraprofessionals that were currently hired as substitutes will be now hired as full time paraprofessionals for the Social Emotional Learning program.

G. Advocacy > Rural School Signature

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to fully support Rural School Coalition.

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

H. > Fully fund Circuit Breaker

Letters in support of full funding the special education circuit breaker will be sent to Senator Lesser, Representative Domb and Representative Carey.

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to fully fund circuit breaker.

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

I. > Fund our Future – Resolution in Support of Full Funding for our Public Schools

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to have the school committee adopt the resolution to be in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools.

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

J. Field Trip – Connecticut Science Center

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the field trip to the Connecticut Science Center.

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

- V. Old Business:
- A. School Committee Goals  
Onboarding is a completed item the school committee is need of a handbook, it was agreed that they would adopt some of documents from MASC.
  - B. Roof  
A roof committee for the high school roof repair has been formed that consists of Mr. Steve Nally, Mr. Glen Sexton and Mr. Stephen Sullivan. They will be creating a time line for the roof to be repaired. We are hoping that this can be completed during the summer.
- VI. Upcoming Business:
- VII. Policy:
- A. **VOTE:** Policies: Sections: A – B – C  
MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve Policy Sections A – B – C as amended.  
VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)
  - B. **VOTE:** Policies: Sections: D – E – F  
Table to February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting.
- VIII. Standing Reports:
- A. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Stanton
  - B. Business Office & Facilities Report Mr. Tarquini
    - 1. Budget FY19
    - 2. Mr. Tarquini advised we our doing better this year in spending in the FY19 Budget.
    - 3. Budget FY20  
We have put together a preliminary budget for FY20 we are looking for input to make sure we are covering everything.
    - 4. Chartwells  
We will invite Chartwells to the meeting on February 25, 2019 to go over their report.
  - C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson  
The Collaborative is now able to apply for Grants. The Collaborative is in support of funding the foundation budget. They are working on supplying services to students to the age of twenty-two.
  - D. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren  
The committee met last week and everything on the punch list is on track to be addressed.
  - 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: January 28, 2019 (Agenda item I. A)
  - B. Warrant 0048 (Agenda item I.B)
  - C. Boy's JV Volleyball (Agenda item IV.A)
  - D. 2019 – 2020 Calendar (Agenda item IV.B)
  - E. Project Lead the Way (Agenda item IV.C)
  - F. SEL Program @ Elementary Level (Agenda item IV.D)
  - G. 3 Paraprofessionals (Agenda item IV.E)
  - H. Advocacy > Rural School Signature (Agenda item IV.F)
  - I. > Fully fund Circuit Breaker (Agenda item IV.G)  
> Fund our Future – Resolution in Support of Full Funding for our Public Schools - (Agenda item IV.H)
  - J. Field Trip – Connecticut Science Center – (Agenda item IV.I)

- K. School Committee Goals (Agenda item V.A)
  - L. Roof (Agenda item V.B)
  - M. **VOTE:** Policies: Sections: A – B – C (Agenda item VII.A)
  - N. **VOTE:** Policies: Sections: D – E – F (Agenda item VII.B)
- 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.
- XI. Adjourn  
Roll call vote Mr. Simpson, aye; Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:55 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