



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting
December 18, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Marie McCourt Secretary (absent); Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Curran; 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: Robbin Lamorder, GEA President

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. November 6, 2017

MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the minutes of November 6, 2017. Abstain Ms. Curran and Ms. Payne-Rokowski

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0)

B. November 28, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski, to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017. Abstain Ms. Curran.

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0)

III. 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. TAB Training Request

Training of bystanders in a bullying and/or harassment situation. Taking a proactive approach to informing and supporting students is the best approach to prevent future incidents of bullying and/or harassment among students. We will be reaching out to Quabbin Mediation Training Active Bystander Program for future training. Twenty students in grades eight through eleven would attend a three day training focused on equipping them with the skills to train students in grades K-12, also five adults would also be invited to attend the training. This program is partially funded we would be reaching out to the finance committee for the additional \$1,500.00 that would be needed.

B. SOS (Signs of Suicide) – Health Program – Nancy Jenks

Ms. Jenks reported on the health education program, *Signs of Suicide*, which is returning to the District. Due to lack of funding this program was dropped. We were able to receive an updated kit by having some of our staff members attend free trainings in the Boston area for school staff to become trained in the SOS program. Ms. Jenks was requesting the support of the school committee to implementing this program back into our health education classes. The school

committee was very supportive in bring back the program to our health education classes.

V. Old Business:

A. Strategic Plan and Review

The mission and vision statements have be revised. We have developed four draft strategies which we will be discussing at our next meeting on January 3, 2018.

B. MCAS Results

C. Consent Agenda

The committee approved the Consent Agenda. If a member has a question or correction on an item the item would be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

D. Budget FY2017 - closed

E. Budget FY2018

The budget is tracking according to plan; we will be tweaking the budget in the next few weeks

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

A. Approve Sections C & I – table to a future meeting.

VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton congratulated our high school students who had their art displayed at the Taber Gallery at Holyoke Community College. Five of our eight students earned awards for their work. During the learning walks students have shown growth in collaborative learning, individual interventions and problem solving. Elementary students know, understand and practice classroom Peacebuilder expectations which provide a strong foundation from which to learn. At the high school level students provided feedback on written work, participated in digital labs and were engaged in problem solving activities. The strategic planning task force has drafted four strategies they feel capture the important work of the district moving forward. I will be sharing the final drafts with the school committee next year. Superintendent Stanton wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Mr. Simpson

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Evren

On track for move in February 2018.

D. Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

IX. Correspondence:

A. Minutes November 6, 2017 (Agenda item II.A)

B. Minutes November 28, 2017 (Agenda item II.B)

C. TAB Training (Agenda item IV.A)

D. SOS – Health Program (Agenda item IV.B)

E. Strategic Plan and Review (Agenda item V.A)

F. MCAS Results (Agenda item V.B)

G. Consent Agenda (Agenda item V.C)

H. Budget FY2017 (Agenda item V.C)

I. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item V.D)

- 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.

VOTE: Mr. Evren, aye; Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:45 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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[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