



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting, January 23, 2017, 6:00 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 (absent); Ms. Marie McCourt (absent); 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 6:29 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. January 4, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Pietras moved, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017, as presented.

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).

A visitor from the audience advised the school committee that they could find eight years of financial statements on line. Money left at the end of the school year transfers over to free cash.

Robbin LaMorder questioned if the calendar for 2017-2018 would have input from the staff. Superintendent Stanton advised the Leadership Team had discussed the calendar and she would be meeting with the Union President to go over the calendar. Ms. LaMorder also asked if work had been started on the next budget and if faculty had been invited to the workshop. Mr. Evren advised that this is an open process and staff is always welcome.

IV. Student Representative Report:

Ms. Evren reported that the Cotillion was held on December 3rd, everyone had a great time; the week of February 13th – the 17th is Spirit Week with different activities planned each day; the Hope Club has been busy, during the holiday season a Secret Santa was held for four foster children, with all of the participation and gifts they were able to take on two additional children the children were thrilled with their gifts; on March 11th the Leprechaun Plunge will be held at Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley, a charity will be picked to donate the money that will be raised; the Drama Club will present "*Standing Room Only*" to be held at East Meadow on April 6th, 7th & 8th at 7:00 P.M. and on April 9th at 2:00 P.M. This past Saturday students participated in a mock exam that will help them prepare for the initial exam that will be held in May.

- V. New Business:
- A. Vote – Extended Day Support Staff – Carol Hepworth
MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Pietras, to support the position for an extended day support staff.
VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0)
Mr. Evren thanked the Structured Learning Team for their work.
 - B. Vote – Continued participation in School Choice 2017-2018
MOTION: Mr. Pietras moved, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski, to approve the continued participation in the school choice program for the 2017-2018 school year.
VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0)
 - C. Dual Enrollment – HCC
Mr. Cavallo, Principal spoke regarding needing a policy for *Dual Enrollment*. He feels a policy needs to be in place to put forth parameters for students. The number of students participating in Dual Enrollment has increased since it was first introduced. Students earn credits at both the high school level and the college level. We are finding that students are currently taking courses at the college that are not provided at the high school but they are also taking classes that are provided at the high school. Classes offered at the high school should be taken at the high school. Renee Tastad and Jena Cochran from Holyoke Community College said that they work on referrals from the guidance department and from students and parents. One course is paid for from HCC through a state funded grant any further courses taken must be paid for by the student or parents. Ms. Tastad suggested that they speak with students who have had the opportunity to do *Dual Enrollment* and what they feel that they accomplished with participating in this program. Superintendent Stanton noted that revisions need to be made around Dual Enrollment.
- VI. Old Business:
- A. Strategic Plan and Review and Alignment workshop with Dorothy Presser.
The scheduled workshop with Dorothy Presser is scheduled for February 13, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.
 - B. Budget FY2017
The budget remains to be on track. Grants have been entered into the budget. However SPED placements along with Food Service will put the budget over.
 - C. Andrew Stratton – Chartwells
Mr. Stratton reviewed the Year to Date report that he had complied for each school. Participation, meal count, district revenue statistics and the cost and expense breakdown along with net profit and loss was reported on, along with the National School Nutrition Programs reimbursement rates for fiscal year 2017. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Stratton for the report.
 - D. Food Service Contract – moving forward. Bids will be going out soon.
 - E. Bus Contract – moving forward. Bids will be going out soon.
- VII. Upcoming Business:
- A. Policy:
- VIII. Standing Reports:
- A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

The Superintendent spoke regarding the passing of Mr. Jim Dunleavy and of his service to the school and community and how he will be missed. A Memorial Service is being planned.

- B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Ms. Curran
Mr. Emre spoke regarding the Collaborative and addressed the following: 1) Community outreach; 2) creating a communication process; 3) community forum; and 4) schedule meeting with Selectboard and Finance Committees.
- C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Pietras & Mr. Evren
- D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. McCourt & Mr. Evren

IX. Correspondence:

- A. Minutes January 4, 2017 (Agenda item II.A)
- B. Paraprofessional Position (Agenda item V.A)
- C. School Choice 2017 – 2018 (Agenda item V.B)
- D. Dual Enrollment – HCC (Agenda item V.C)
- E. Strategic Plan Review and Alignment (Agenda item VI.A)
- F. Budget FY2017 (Agenda item VI.B)
- G. Andrew Stratton – Chartwells (Agenda item VI.C)
- H. Food Service Contract (Agenda item VI.D)
- I. Bus Contract (Agenda item VI.E)

- 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. The Committee did not enter executive session.

XI. Adjournment:

VOTE: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Pietras, aye; Ms. McCourt, aye; Mr. Evren, aye, to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:08 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,

Kathleen Harrop,
Recording Secretary for the School Committee