



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

December 3, 2018

6:30 P.M.

EAST MEADOW SCHOOL – EAST MEADOW LIBRARY
MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson (absent); 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 6:00 P.M.

Absent: Mr. Evren – Ms. Curran

Consent Agenda:

A. **VOTE:** Minutes: October 29, 2018 - November 19, 2018

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the minutes for October 29, 2018.

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

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve the minutes for November 19, 2018 as amended.

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

As amended: **Blizzard Bags**

Superintendent Stanton reported on the review of the Blizzard Bag. She thanked the workgroup for reviewing staff, student and parent feedback from the first Blizzard Bag of 2017-2018. Several recommendations were made that have been incorporated in both the expectations for staff and for students. The survey data strongly supported continuing with the Blizzard Bag with revisions.

Amended to read: (There will be more feedback at the end of the year to review the Blizzard Bag and make any changes as necessary. Students would like the assignments to be meaningful; no review assignments and they would like it noted that they are completing assignments for all of their classes and they should be able to complete the assignment in the same amount of time they have in class. Expectations have been made for both the teachers and for students. Assignments should be twenty to thirty minutes in length. Lessons should be rigorous, aligned to standards and are engaging for students. Lessons, activities and assignments should be modified for students who require accommodations and modifications by the general education teacher in collaboration with special education teachers. Students should use available means of technology to access learning. Students should be prepared to share and discuss their assignment upon returning to school. Blizzard Bag assignments will be considered part of their grade. All work should be turned in within five days to earn credit. Students must complete five to seven classes in order to be marked present on a Blizzard Bag day.)

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 the Cotillion was held on December 1st at the K of C and there was a good turnout; the National Honor Society held their Induction on November 29th; Ads are needed for the yearbook; the winter sports season has started; seniors are applying to colleges; teachers are not happy with the time limit being added on the Blizzard Bag assignments. The students have accepted the coffee ban as it is. Superintendent Stanton added that the Focus Survey on MCAS. The focus group will be reporting on quantitative data on the school culture and climate. The students will report back on how involved they are on the decision making in the schools. This is part of Ssac – State Student Advisory Council. The focus group is led by a student who is currently working on questions for the faculty. Once this is completed she will report back to the committee in January and February.

IV. New Business:

A. Acknowledge Abigail & John Adams recipients

Superintendent Stanton introduced the recipients of the Abigail & John Adams scholarships. Students had to be proficient on three of the MCAS assessments and must have scored advanced on one assessment. They also had to score in the top twenty-five percent of the District. They are as follows: Kylie Biron; Jonathan Couture; Lilli Dimitropolis; Mya Fillion; Dylan Gordon; Danielle Hamel; Brianna Heath; Edrick Kusumo; Stone Lacharite; Katherine Pitt; Jasmine Rodrigues-Jones; Grace Sinclair; Joshua White; Michael White and Samuel White. The committee broke at 6:50 P.M. for a short recess to honor the recipients.

The School Committee Meeting reconvened at 7:05 P.M.

B. 2018-2019 Revised School Calendar

Discussion: The contract was settled after the 2018-2019 school calendar was voted for approval. The following dates were voted by Unit A to be eliminated: the open house scheduled for April 11th, 2019 at East Meadow and the Jr./Sr. High School conferences that were scheduled for April 30th, 2019.

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the revised school calendar for 2018-2019.

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

C. Policies – Sections: D – E – F

Policy sections D – E – F are ready for review.

V. Old Business:

A. School Committee Goals - table

B. Policies – Sections: A – B – C - table

C. Enrollment updates

Superintendent Stanton reported on the enrollment updates for December. We currently have 339 students at the Jr./Sr. High School and 395 students at East Meadow.

VI. Upcoming Business:

A.

VII. Policy:

A.

VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton reported that the Abigail & John Adams scholarship recipients have been recognized; the National Honor Society Induction was held on November 29th; we are moving ahead with the focus group for feedback.

- B. Business Office & Facilities Report Mr. Tarquini
 - 1. Budget FY18
 - 2. Budget FY19
 - 3. Chartwells update
 - 4. Budget FY20Mr. Tarquini reported that they will have a timeline for the FY20 budget at the next meeting; he is working on a template for the principals for their requests; Sub-Committee Budget building workshops will be held from November 2018 through March 2019.
- 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

Mr. Simpson reported that the PTO held a successful Pancake Supper with Santa on Friday, November 30th.

IX. Correspondence:

- A. Minutes: October 29, 2018 November 19, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)
- B. Acknowledge Abigail & John Adams recipients (Agenda item IV.A)
- C. 2018-2019 Revised School Calendar (Agenda item IV.B)
- D. Policies D – E – F (Agenda item IV.C)
- E. School Committee Goals (Agenda item V.A)
- F. Policies A – B – C (Agenda item V.B)
- G. Enrollment updates (Agenda item V.C)

X. Adjournment:

Roll call vote Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:40 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 or by contacting the Superintendent's office at 413-467-7193.

“Please be advised that this meeting will be video and audio taped as well as televised”

[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