



## GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School Committee Meeting, April 12, 2017, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Donna Gnatek Media Center**  
**MINUTES**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Mr. James Pietras, Secretary (absent); Ms. Jennifer Curran; Ms. Marie McCourt; 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 6:35 P.M.

#### 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. New Business:

##### A. Presentation of FY2018 Budget to Public

Chairman Mr. Evren introduced himself. He thanked those in the audience for attending. Mr. Evren added that they would not be voting on the budget this evening because additional numbers would be coming in from the state. He stressed the importance of this meeting and that everyone in attendance had a reason to be here this evening. The job of the school committee is to establish goals for each school and review and approve the budget so that they may implement these goals. Our focus is to provide the best education possible to the children of our community. Mr. Evren turned the meeting over to Superintendent Stanton.

Superintendent Stanton thanked those in attendance for being here and what a great school district, students, staff and community that we have. Superintendent Stanton presented a slide presentation of the FY18 Budget to the community with the focus continuing to be on Social Emotion Learning, this is a statewide initiative; Technology Infrastructure improvements to support student learning; Maintaining Instructional Excellence, we have an excellent academic program from PreK – 12 meeting the needs of students; and maintaining the dynamic needs of students. What influences our budget are the following: changes in enrollment; changes in school choice/charter school; the elimination of the Kindergarten grant; increase in special education tuition; increase in the ELL needs; contractual obligations and fixed cost increases. We have many success stories in Granby the Social Emotional Learning Program provides support for the students. We offer seven to eight classes in the A.P. programs with over one hundred students attending these classes. We have reached out to MSBA for additional revenue to help replace the windows, doors, roof and boiler at the high school. A ground breaking for the addition to East Meadow will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

A. Public Comment on Budget

Mr. Evren asked the public for their questions and concerns regarding the FY18 Budget.

Comment from the audience was that a video of school choice students should be made having them explain why they chose Granby what great things we provide here. A question was raised regarding the deficit of the school lunch program. Mr. Evren explained that this had all been turned over to the town. Another comment from a staff member was that we have thirty students in community service programs assisting staff at East Meadow and West Street. We also have students working off campus. She went on to thank the Booster Club and Fields Committee for the hours spent preparing our fields for playing, we currently have over one hundred students that have signed up for spring sports.

Mr. Evren went on to say that the school committee is in support of education in our town and we are trying to keep the programs we have in place. We have a responsibility to the whole student along with academics, sports, music and art to have our students have a great experience in the schools. Mr. Evren shared with the audience that we had a student leave the district but with administration reaching out to those who have left they came back to see the programs we offered and has returned.

Mr. Evren thanked the audience members for coming out and expressing their opinions. Please send us and further questions or comments that you may have. This concluded the public hearing at 8:40 P.M.

IV. Correspondence:

A. Presentation of FY2018 Budget to Public (Agenda item IV. A)

**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.**

**"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