



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting, September 19, 2016, 6:30 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; 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:

A. Mr. Evren called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. August 15, 2016

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Pietras, to approve the minutes of August 15, 2016, as presented.

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-1)(Abstain Ms. Curran)

B. September 12, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Pietras moved, seconded by Ms. Curran, to approve the minutes of September 12, 2016, as presented.

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

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).

Ms. Robyn LaMorder was recognized and spoke regarding Question 2 on the upcoming ballot, for Nov. 8, 2016. She advised a phone bank will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

IV. New Business:

A. Budget Reconciliation FY2016

Superintendent Stanton advised the committee that the FY2016 budget has been reconciled. She thanked TMS for their work on the budget. The committee would like details regarding the balance of school lunch program. TMS will provide details before the next meeting.

B. Budget Presentation FY2017

Lunch monitors were added to the budget and there will be more expense in the tutoring line. With several personnel changes we find we are coming out ahead. For now the FY2017 budget is balanced. Discussion: Why did we not bring back all of the students under the ELL program we were under the assumption that all students would be coming back? Superintendent Stanton replied that we are keeping new

students here and are not sending them out of the district. Bringing back students is difficult and changeling. Our commitment is to have the program in the district. Ms. Hepworth advised that three out of the four students have returned to the district and we are looking at bringing back the last student. TMS is working with the school committee on having a workshop.

C. Charter School Ballot

Superintendent Stanton read the Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools. Discussion regarding the ballot question. The School Committee supports a No vote on Charter Schools. Material should be made clear that the school committee is not supporting Charter Schools.

MOTION: Mr. Pietras moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve that the Granby School Committee opposes lifting the cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools. All in favor. (4-0-0)

D. DESE Education Program Plan Statement (SEPPS)

Ms. Hepworth, Director of Pupil Services advised the MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education requires that the Special Education Program Plan Statement be updated every four years to ensure that regular renewal of assurances and information is easy and straightforward. The updated and signed Special Education Program Plan Statement must be submitted by October 1, 2016 if not submitted this could jeopardize the release of federal funds for the district.

E. Municipal Modernizations

The Municipal Modernizations Act has been passed. Hopefully by January 2017 we will no longer need four signatures on warrants that are signed by the committee. TMS is working on the Building Office Manual.

V. Old Business:

A. OWL Curriculum:

Second reading of the OWL Curriculum. Discussion: Cost of the program is \$7,500 this will be paid from the pre-school revolving fund. Are we supporting the right program? Ms. Hepworth has seen this program implemented and this program works well. The teachers are in support of the program.

MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Pietras, to approve the OWL Curriculum, as presented.

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

B. NEASC Report:

Mr. Cavallo, Principal, Mr. John Berneche and Mrs. Jessica Swistak spoke regarding opening day and the NEASC Report. On opening day PeaceBuilders did not go over well with the high school staff. They felt they were receiving a lot of information in a short period of time. The teachers feel powerless. Mr. Cavallo reported on the concerns from NEASC and how they were being addressed. Presently Granby Jr./Sr. High School has continued accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The school however is on warning for the Standards on Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning, concerns were expressed over the school's adherence to the Standard on School Culture and Leadership. Discussion: Regarding PeaceBuilders, a program was needed to support students' social-emotional learning needs as this was a mandate by the state. We found that PeaceBuilders was a program that we could use as the foundation for SEL district wide. We find that there is a gap in communication between staff and administration which needs to be fixed.

- C. Strategic Plan Review and Alignment:
An entry plan for the “District Improvement Plan” is needed. The committee questioned if the School Improvement Plans for the elementary schools for 2016 have been completed. Discussion: The committee has a follow up list; where do we stand with the implementation of the SoftRight program? Mr. Martin is working on the Chart of Accounts, this is very time consuming. PeaceBuilders was not well received at the high school the program has not reached the high school students. At the elementary schools they go over the PeaceBuilders pledge every morning. Well received at the elementary level. The committee would like an update on the Structured Learning Center, what has worked well and what has not. How is this changing discipline towards students? We would like feedback on our Self Evaluation. How do we get policy changes back to the staff and community?
- D. Second reading:
1. JICH: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited (per new opioid legislation)
MOTION: Mr. Pietras moved, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski, to approve policy JICH as presented.
VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)
 2. JLCD: Administering Medicines to Students (per new opioid legislation)
MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Curran, to approve policy JLCD as presented.
VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Standing Reports

- A. Superintendent’s Report Superintendent Stanton
Superintendent Stanton reported that it has been a busy month. She thanked the parents and staff for coming out for the Open Houses held at the schools.
- B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Ms. Curran
Ms. Curran advised a meeting is being held next week.
- C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Pietras & Mr. Evren
Mr. Pietras reported that at this time there is no update. Everything is going according to plan.
- D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. McCourt & Mr. Evren
No report at this time.

VIII. Correspondence:

- A. Minutes August 15, 2016 (Agenda item II.A)
- B. Minutes September 12, 2016 (Agenda item II.B)
- C. Budget Reconciliation FY2016 (Agenda item IV.A)
- D. Budget Presentation FY2017 (Agenda item IV.B)
- E. Charter School Ballot (Agenda item IV.C)
- F. Goals from MASC Workgroup (Agenda item IV.D.)
- G. OWL Curriculum (V.A.)
- H. NEASC Report (Agenda item V.B.)
- I. Strategic Plan review and alignment (Agenda item V.C.)
- J. DESE Education Program Plan (Agenda item IV.E)
- K. Municipal Moderations (Agenda item IV.F)
- L. Second reading – JICH and JLCD (Agenda item V.D.)

- IX. 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: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Pietras, aye; Mr. Evren, aye, to enter Executive 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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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Harrop,
Recording Secretary for the School Committee