



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

October 23, 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; 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 6:32 P.M

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. October 2, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Curran, to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 as amended. [Ms. Payne-Rokowski was present]

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0) (Abstain Ms. McCourt)

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. Approval Private Schools for 2017-2018

MOTION: Ms. McCourt, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve The MacDuffie School as a private school for the 2017-18 school year.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

DISCUSSION: The Committee expressed their appreciation for the detailed report they received regarding the application for approval by The MacDuffie School. The Committee would like to see the two schools collaborate and work together in the future.

V. Old Business:

A. Strategic Plan and Review

Superintendent Stanton thanked the community members, staff, teachers, administrators and the town departments for being part of this committee. The present plan expires in June of 2018. Goals and objectives were discussed along with items that no longer fit into the plan.

B. Budget FY2017

Mr. Chapulis reported that the books were finalized with the town in September. Chartwells is currently showing a deficit.

C. Budget FY2018

Mr. Chapulis reported that at present we have no actual budget. Changes are currently be made in hiring, maintenance and the custodial sub payroll. Chartwells will be starting FY18 with a zero balance. At present we have

\$179,408.48 in unanticipated expenses that have been presented to the finance committee that they are not approving. We are currently \$179,408.48 over budget. A vote to update the FY18 budget to \$8,558,976.04 is needed.

MOTION: Ms. McCourt, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski to approve the amount of \$8,448,976.04 to update the FY18 budget.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

D. School Committee Goals

Discussion: The Goals will be completed by April of 2018.

MOTION: Ms. Curran, seconded by Ms. McCourt to approve the School Committee Goals.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

E. Rural Schools Coalition

The first skype meeting was held for the Rural Schools Coalition. The Coalition is still in existence. The committee voted for a representative board to advocate at the Legislative level for aide for Rural Schools. We are seeing a decline in enrollment in Western Mass and parts of the Cape. Regional services would like to be developed to share with other districts. Presently a Regional Efficiency Grant is being written to present as a Coalition. The next meeting of the Coalition will be held in November.

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

The Superintendent reported that they were able to tour the new building last week. A thank you to the East Meadow staff, students, parents and Principal Lataille who have weathered the construction of the new building. The high school students have received their first progress report. A special thank you to the Police, Fire and DPW for the tour of the safety complex. The students were very impressed.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Mr. Simpson

Superintendent Stanton reported that Bill Diehl from the Collaborative would like to come out and speak to the committee at a future date.

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Evren & Ms. McCourt

The building project is going according to plan the project is still under budget. The project manager will be contacting MSBA to see how to handle the funds.

D. Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

The committee will be meeting October 24, 2017.

VIII. Correspondence:

A. Minutes October 2, 2017 (Agenda item II.A)

B. Strategic Plan and Review (Agenda item VI.A)

C. Budget FY2017 (Agenda item VI.B)

D. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item VI.C)

E. School Committee Goals (Agenda item VI.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. Curran, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. McCourt, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:10 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