



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

March 19, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Donna Gnatek Media Center

Meet with Select Board @ 6:30 P.M.

At the Senior Center

Regular Meeting to follow:

Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Donna Gnatek Media Center

MNUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Marie McCourt Secretary (resigned); Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Curran (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: Robbin Lamorder, GEA President

I. Call to Order:

The meeting reconvened at 7:26 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: March 5, 2018 - tabled

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).

Robbin LaMorder thanked the teachers that showed up for tonight's meeting the turnout is overwhelming. The teacher's union had buttons made that read "*We give 100% we are worth more than 1%.*" The teachers and staff give more than 100%. She emphasized that they are there for the students. The residents of Granby need to come out and support the schools, they need to step up. Once again the unions are in mediation. Ms. Jewett re-emphasized what Ms. LaMorder had said. Mr. Evren thanked both Ms. LaMorder and Ms. Jewett for sharing their thoughts.

Ms. Payne-Rokowski – we need the support of the town, we are all in this together we need the town's residents to show up at the Town Meeting's and vote.

III. Student Representative Report: None

IV. New Business:

A. Superintendent's Award – Hannah Parent

Superintendent Stanton advised the committee that Hannah Parent was the recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent's Award. An awards dinner will be held at Pathfinder honoring the local winners.

B. School Committee vacancy

Mr. Evren advised the committee that Ms. McCourt had resigned her position on the school committee board. This will be an appointed position for one year until the next election.

V. Old Business:

A. Strategic Plan and Review

A meeting will be held on March 27th, this should be our final meeting. Mr. Evren asked that the plan be brought before the board before the end of the year.

B. Budget FY2018

Mr. Chapulis advised we are running on track except for unanticipated costs.

C. Budget FY2019 – (print Report) Superintendent’s presentation with Mr. Chapulis
Superintendent Stanton presented a slide presentation of the FY19 Budget. The Superintendent covered the following topics: FY18 Accomplishments – accomplishments made during the FY18 school year; Enrollment – enrollment data was provided from 2009 – 2018; Budget Assumptions; Additional Resource Requests – New requests and unanticipated expenses which were a carryover from Fy18; FY19 General Funds by location; Teacher Staffing Trends – data from 2009 - 2017 showing teaching staff; How Schools receive funding; Net School Spending – Superintendent’s Budget request of \$8,986,968 + Town In-Kind of \$2,182,063 = \$11,169,031 Total budget minus Transportation of -\$784,542 = Total NSS of \$10,384,489, required NSS \$-9,397,389, total amount over NSS = \$987,100 which is 10.5% over NSS; District comparisons of NSS; Preliminary LEA Estimates for FY19 – Total LEA Budget is \$8,986,968 which is a current budget gap of \$652,303; Revenue Reductions for FY19; Structural Budget Deficit Influences – Town Meeting votes to alleviate School Department budget gaps which are not added to the base of the budget. Every year, the School Department begins the budget discussion with less than level service resources, Town meeting votes for additional appropriations which are not added to the base of the budget and unanticipated expenses must be absorbed by the following year’s budget.

D. Chartwells

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

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VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent’s Report Superintendent Stanton
Superintendent Stanton recognized Hannah Parent as the recipient of the MA Association of School Superintendent’s Award. The National Honor Society had the induction of new inductees. The production of *Haphazardly Ever After* was a great success. Congratulations to all that worked on the production. The Superintendent participated in the Rural Coalition schools meeting with State Representative Hind this past week. There is a common understanding of the issues that rural districts are facing and legislation is moving forward for financial support. She is proud that Granby is part of this coalition and is looking forward to working with local legislators to create a funding stream for rural districts. The state came out with a list of rural schools although Granby is not listed we are listed with the coalition.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Mr. Simpson

C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Evren

There was not a quorum for the meeting, we did tour the building. There was an update from the architect and construction managers. We currently are on target and under budget. If there are any requests they should be made as soon as possible. The school committee would like a tour of the new building and they would like a camera present so that the community can see the new building if there are not able to come to the open house.

D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

IX. Correspondence:

A. Minutes: March 5, 2018 (Consent Agenda item I.A)

B. Student Representative Report (Agenda item III.)

C. Superintendent’s Award – Hannah Parent (Agenda item IV. A)

- D. School Committee vacancy (Agenda item IV.B)
 - E. Strategic Plan and Review (Agenda item V.A)
 - F. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item V.B)
 - G. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item V.C)
 - H. Charwells (Agenda item V.D)
- 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.

VOTE: Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; Ms. Payne-Rokowski to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:04 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.

**"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