



## GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### School Committee Meeting

May 23, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

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

### MINUTES

### School Committee Meeting

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Curran, Secretary; Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz; Ms. Jasmine Jones (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: Superintendent Stanton  
Superintendent Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. She explained that following the town election, the Committee would need to reorganize, which requires the Superintendent to open the meeting and run the election for the chair. Once the chair is selected, that person will take over the meeting.
- II. Reorganization of the Committee:
  - A. Election of Officers
    1. Chairperson  
MOTION: Ms. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson, to re-elect Mr. Emre Evren as Chairperson. Mr. Evren is hoping in the future he would like to hand over the position as Chairperson. These rolls are meant to rotate and it would be good to create a foundation for the incoming.  
VOTE: All in favor (4 -0-0).
- III. Student Representative Report:  
Ms. Evren introduced Ms. Jasmine Jones as the new student representative. Ms. Evren will be leaving us and continuing on to college. Arts night was held May 10<sup>th</sup>, great art work was on display and also for sale. Refreshments and live music and singing were also provided. The Spring Band concert was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, it was a combination of both bands and each performed separately. It was a great performance and senior members of drama and the band were recognized. The last day for seniors was May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Granby is being held tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. RSAC orientation for next school year's delegates May 4<sup>th</sup>. New SSAC delegates and RSAC leadership were elected. The final SSAC meeting for this year was May 17<sup>th</sup>, final reports were finished the national teacher of the year, Sydney Chafee spoke about the principles she stands for. The three day leadership conference will take place in August. The blizzard bag report will be finished this evening and will be emailed to the committee. Ms. Evren thanked the committee for the opportunity to sit with them as the student representative for the past four years. Not all high schools have the opportunity for student input, it was extremely impactful and important to her and the student body and overall school district as well. It was a great experience and she learned a lot from it. Thank you for that opportunity. Tonight Ms. Evren passed her duties to Ms. Jasmine Jones, who was elected by the student council as next year's student representative to the school

committee. The committee thanked Ms. Evren for her four years as the student representative to the school committee.

IV. Call to Order: Mr. Evren

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M

1. Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson, to elect Ms. Curran as Secretary. The committee will look into the policy regarding changing secretary to vice chair.

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

Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: April 30, 2018 (Budget Hearing)

B. Minutes: April 30, 2018 (Regular Meeting)

C. Minutes: May 7, 2018 (Regular Meeting)

D. Donation of Computers – David Lukaskiewicz

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to approve the consent agenda.

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

Mr. Evren explained the different committees and what their rolls involve.

B. Committee Liaisons

1. Collaborative for Educational Services representative (1)

The Committee agreed Mr. Simpson would continue as the Committee's representative to the Collaborative for Educational Services.

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

2. West Street Building Committee representatives (1)

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to re-elect Mr. Evren as the representative to the West Street Building Committee. Also on the committee is Ms. Stanton, Superintendent and Mr. Lataille, Principal.

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

3. Policy Subcommittee (2)

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Curran to appoint Ms. Bartosz and re-appoint Ms. Curran to the Policy Subcommittee

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

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Curran, to recommend appointing Ms. Payne-Rokowski to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Ms. McCourt. This appointment is for one year. This motion will be recommended to the Select Board.

IV. 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).*

V. Old Business:

A. Budget FY18

Remaining to be spent from the Fy18 budget is 19.4%. Discussion on where we stand compared to last year at this time. We show that about \$66,000 more has been spent this year than last year, once the teacher salary and tuition is subtracted the budget is close to last year. Discussion regarding Smith and Pathfinder Vocational Schools tuition and programs offered. Pathfinder to offer more selections for students. They are currently trying to bring in a plumbing program for the fall offering. Mr. Sullivan advised that work placed learning gives more opportunities to students.

B. Budget FY19

No changes to the Budget at this time. We have the resignation of a teacher at the high school that will not be replaced. Staff are getting licensure in the areas they do not currently teach in so that they may teach additional classes. In the technology area we show an e-rate reimbursement currently of \$33,000. Town Administrator Mr. Martin advised that there are ways that technology could be included as part of the Capital Plan thus reducing our budget even further.

C. Vote on Business Management Bid

The committee opened all bids and rejected all bids.

MOTION: Motion Ms. Curran, seconded by Mr. Simpson to reject all bids.

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0) Ms. Bartosz abstained.

Superintendent Stanton thanked TMS for their time and patience as we worked through this process. Mr. Evren thanked Mr. Chapulis it has been a pleasure working with you.

D. Vote to appoint new Director of Business

Discussion: Superintendent Stanton advised the committee advertised through Talent Ed and that a search committee had been formed comprised of administrative staff, school committee chair and office staff. The committee interviewed five candidates and selected three. The three finalists selected were given performance questions: present your thoughts on where we show potential for growth, our struggles and thoughts on financing. A unanimous decision was made to appoint Adam Tarquini. Mr. Tarquini comes to us from Hampden/Wilbraham.

MOTION: Motion Mr. Simpson, seconded Ms. Curran to approve the finalist for the Director of Business, Mr. Adam Tarquini.

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

VI. Correspondence:

A. Reorganization of Committee

B. Minutes: April 30, 2018 Budget Hearing (Agenda item III.A)

C. Minutes: April 30, 2018 Regular Meeting (Agenda item III.B)

D. Minutes: May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting (Agenda item III.C)

E. Donation of Computers – David (Agenda item III.D)

H. Budget FY18 (Agenda item V.A)

I. Budget FY19 (Agenda item V.B)

J. Vote on Business Management Bid (Agenda item V.C)

K. Vote to appoint new Director of Business (Agenda item V.D)

VII. Adjournment:

VIII. 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](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