



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

January 8, 2018, 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 (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 was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes: December 18, 2017

MOTION: Ms. McCourt moved, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski to approve the consent agenda.

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

MOTION: Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. McCourt to re-approve the minutes of November 6, 2017. The minutes previously were moved by Ms. Curran. Ms. Curran and Ms. Payne-Rokowski were absent from the November 6, 2017 meeting.

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

- 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. Student Representative Report:

- IV. New Business:

- A. Bill Diehl – CES Programs

Mr. Diehl, Executive Director of the Collaborative had a handout for the committee to review. He then gave a brief overview of what is offered by the Collaborative and answered questions by the committee. Mr. Evren thanked him for attending the meeting.

- B. Joint meeting with Finance Committee – January 16, 2018

- V. Old Business:

- A. Superintendent's Evaluation

The committee does not like the current evaluation form used for the superintendent's evaluation and that it should be reviewed and revised for the future as the current evaluation does not have a lot of value to it. The committee found that the superintendent was focused on continued improvement for the district and the students are her first priority. They rated her as being proficient. ~~exemplary~~. We try to do our best for our students as they are our first priority. The committee praised the Superintendent's communication skills, her policy is to return information on a request from parents and officials within the day she receives them. The committee praised the superintendent on her Instructional

Leadership – she shows a lot of confidence, the administrators are coming together to solve problems; Management & Operation of the District, safety and well-being is a focus of the superintendent, *Granby's Emergency Plan* was showcased in 2017; Family & Student Engagement, ability to create trust in the community, school committee and staff, cultural change is a slow process; Communication is very strong able to reach out and speak to community, our web-site is growing; Commitment to High Standards, renewed mission and vision statements.

B. Strategic Plan and Review

Superintendent Stanton noted that the meeting went very well. The committee broke up into four groups and each group came up with draft idea for strategies to work on.

C. Budget FY2018

Mr. Chapulis advised that 40.7% of the budget has been spent to date. Tracking according to plan. The lunch figures from Chartwells will be available later this week. Mr. Stratton will be leaving Chartwells for another position. The committee would like someone present at the next meeting from Chartwells to go over the numbers. Superintendent Stanton had sent a request to the Town Administrator, Mr. Martin addressing the “unanticipated expenses” that have occurred this year. To date we have not heard back. We will be meeting with the Finance Committee on January 16th, 2018 to discuss these expenses.

VI. Upcoming Business:

VII. Policy:

A. Sections C & I - approval

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the updated policies sections C & I. All in favor.

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

VIII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

It has been very busy at the Granby Public Schools. The Strategic Planning Committee continues to meet, their focus is setting the District on a firm foundation of learning and growth for everyone. The Instructional Leadership Teams met for the first time and worked on developing their understanding of teacher leadership for improved student outcomes. Blizzard Bag assignments for students were available for participation. Feedback and input from staff and families will be gathered regarding this pilot program. The move for students in grades 4 – 6 will take place during the February break.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Mr. Simpson

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Evren

D. Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

IX. Correspondence:

A. Minutes December 18, 2017 (Consent Agenda item II.A)

B. Bill Diehl – CES Programs (Agenda item IV.A)

C. Joint meeting with Finance Committee (Agenda item IV.B)

C. Superintendent's Evaluation (Agenda item V.A)

D. Strategic Plan and Review (Agenda item V.B)

F. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item V.C)

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: Ms. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. McCourt, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:37 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