



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting, December 19, 2016, 6:00 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 (absent); Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski (absent); 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:
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. December 5, 2016 – tabled
- III. Visitor's Comments: None.
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. Student Representative Report:
None.
- V. New Business:
 - A. Booster Club Donation
MOTION: Mr. Pietras moved, seconded by Ms. Curran, to approve the donation from the Booster Club in the amount of \$750.00 to be used towards uniforms for cross country. Mr. Evren thanked the Booster Club for their donation.
VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0)
 - B. Rural Schools Coalition – Mike Buoniconti
Mr. Buoniconti, Superintendent of Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont Regional School District reported on the Rural Schools Coalition. All schools are seeing a decline in enrollment and rising costs. Rural schools make up 25% of the schools in the state. In March of 2016 a group of rural school superintendents formed the Massachusetts Rural Schools Coalition to propose the creation of Rural School Aid within the MA Chapter 70 Education Aid Programs to reform strategy essential to the long term survival of rural public schools and towns. Most of all of the rural schools are performing at Level 1 & 2 with the resources that they currently have. We currently are looking to have a day on hill which we would like to have two or three students from each school district go from door to door of the representative and senators and present the problem of the funding being cut to rural districts. We need the votes of the non-rural schools for more effect. We need to get the towns involved and be on the same page. We will be meeting again in February with the rural schools of

Western MA we also need to get the Cape area involved in our coalition. Mr. Evren thanked Mr. Buoniconti for his report and asked that they be kept in the loop with updates.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Strategic Plan Review and Alignment workshop will be held with Dorothy Presser on December 29th @ 5:30 p.m.
- B. Budget FY2017
Superintendent Stanton reported that there will be a special Town Meeting on January 9th, 2017. Mr. Chapulis reported that the budget is in good shape and currently is a balanced budget. Unanticipated SPED costs will impact the budget in the future. Chartwells did show a profit for the month of November. The committee would like to see what the history of Chartwells is since they started. Did they start with a deficit that was brought forward? We will ask to have Mr. Stratton report the findings to the committee at a January meeting.

VII. Upcoming Business:

- A. Policy:

VIII. Standing Reports:

- A. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Stanton
Superintendent reported on the following: it has been busy the past few weeks in the District; The play "*Christmas Chaos*" performed by students of the Jr./Sr. High School was held at East Meadow and it was a terrific performance and a great success; she thanked the East Meadow families who participated in the book fair and the Holiday luncheon these were both great successes and the Winter athletic season is now underway, please support our athletes; she thanked the students that tweeted her on the snow day and she wishes everyone a safe and peaceful "Holiday Season."
- B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Ms. Curran
- C. West Street Building Committee Mr. Pietras & Mr. Evren
- D. Policy Subcommittee Ms. McCourt & Mr. Evren

IX. Correspondence:

- A. Minutes December 5, 2016 (Agenda item II.A) tabled
- B. Booster Club Donation (Agenda item V.A)
- C. Strategic Plan review and alignment (Agenda item VI.A)
- D. Budget FY2017 (Agenda item VI.B)

- 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. Pietras, aye; Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Evren, aye, to enter Executive Session at 7:55 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