



## GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### School Committee Meeting

June 18, 2018

6:30 P.M.

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

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Curran, Secretary (absent); Mr. Mike Simpson (absent); Ms. Jennifer Bartosz; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski, Ms. Jamie 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:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Delay due to weather.

##### Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes: April 23, 2018
- B. Minutes: May 9, 2018
- C. Minutes: May 23, 2018
- D. Minutes: June 4, 2018
- E. Disposal of Surplus Technology – 100 desktop computers; 50 CRT Monitors, 20 laptops plus other miscellaneous items.

MOTION: Ms. Payne-Rokowski moved, seconded by Ms. Bartosz to approve the consent agenda as amended [Ms. Curran and Mr. Simpson were both absent from the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting.].

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-2) (Abstain Ms. Curran and Mr. Simpson)

#### 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. New Business:

##### A. Project Lead the Way/ AP Physics Partnership – Stephen Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan explained that Project Lead the Way is to engage students in hands-on activities, projects, and problems; empower students to solve real-work challenges and inspire students to reimagine how they see themselves. Project Launch is available to students in Grades K-5; Project Gateway students in Grades 6-8; and PLTW Biomedical Science, Engineering and Computer Science to Grades 9-12. A grant was submitted in December in the amount of \$25,000 we were notified in February 2018 that we were not awarded the grant following up we were notified that we were eligible for a \$3,000 start-up grant. Additional funding will be pursued with the support from PLTW in FY18-19. Design and modeling will be introduced and available to grades 7 & 8 in the fall of 2018. Staff member Derek Kerns is attending a week-long training at WPI this summer to prepare to teach the course. The goal is to offer this course to fifty, seventh and eighth grade students. This will be taught as a semester course.

Mr. Sullivan advised that the Granby Jr./Sr. High School has partner shipped with Boston University to offer a College Board approved AP Physics course. This program is funded through the National Science Foundation and is completely free for Granby Jr./Sr. High School. Boston University will loan all equipment to be used in the lab.

Students will be responsible for conducting labs at the high school with supervision. Currently we have five students who have enrolled.

B. School Committee dates for 2018-2019

The following dates have been schedule for 2018-19 school committee meetings (subject to change): July 9, August 6 & 27, September 10 & 24, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17, 2018; January 7 & 28, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20 and June 3 & 17, 2019.

IV. Old Business:

A. Grant/Mind-Up Curriculum

Discussion: The staff has concerns regarding the Mind-Up Curriculum; finding time to implement the program; concerned that it does not continue after it is started; short term and a lot of work needs to be put into the program; concerns on the forty-five minute lessons; once the students are taught the program hoping that it will become easier; need to start slow it is hard to slow our mind down; hard to do the exercise; Ms. Payne-Rokowski offered her services to help with the program.

MOTION: Ms. Bartosz moved, seconded by Ms. Payne-Rokowski to approve the Mind-Up Curriculum Grant.

VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0)

B. Budget FY2018

We are showing \$1.8 million remaining in the budget amount expended to date is 87.1% of the budget. Summer salaries, guidance and food service expenses need to be accounted for plus other expenses. Chartwells was showing May as a profitable month. Participation stayed fairly even for the month, product cost & general labor were up, salary labor was down and other expenses were also down for the month. A profit of \$3,343.00 was shown for the month. The same trend is showing across Western MA in food service. The gap of \$20,000 is very frustrating and coming into March showing \$33,000 is very difficult.

C. Budget FY2019

No updates in the budget at this time. We are showing a reimbursement of 65% from Circuit Breaker it may come in at 75% which would provide additional funding. The Fair Share Amendment Act was not supported by the Supreme Judicial Court. It will not be put on the ballot. This funding would have been used for additional funding for education which is inadequate in MA. It will take several years to get this amendment back on the ballot.

V. Upcoming Business:

A.

VI. Policy:

A.

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Stanton
B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)	Mr. Simpson
C. West Street Building Committee	Mr. Evren
D. Policy Subcommittee	Ms. Curran & Ms. Bartosz

VIII. Correspondence:

A. Minutes: April 23, 2018 (Agenda item I. A)  
B. Minutes: May 9, 2018 (Agenda item I. B)  
C. Minutes: May 23, 2018 (Agenda item I. C)  
D. Minutes: June 4, 2018 (Agenda item I. D)

- E. Disposal of Surplus Technology – 100 desktop computer; 50 CRT Monitors, 20 laptops plus other miscellaneous items (Agenda item I. E)
  - F. AP Physics Partnership – Stephen Sullivan (Agenda item III.A)
  - G. Project Lead the Way (Agenda item III.B)
  - H. Grant/Mind-Up Curriculum (Agenda item IV.A)
  - I. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item IV. B)
  - J. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item IV. C)
- 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. Payne-Rokowski, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:25 P.M. and enter into executive session. All in favor.

### **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.**

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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