



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

June 4, 2018

Joint meeting with Select Board at the Senior Center

At 6:30 P.M.

Regular School Committee Meeting to follow
Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Donna Gnatek Media Center

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Curran, Secretary, Secretary (absent); Mr. Mike Simpson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz; Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski (absent); 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 7:11 P.M.

Mr. Evren reconvened the meeting at 7:11 P.M. He advised that Ms. Deanne Payne-Rokowski was appointed by the Select Board on June 4, 2018 to finish the term left vacant by Ms. Marie McCourt, Ms. McCourt had one year left to serve on the school committee.

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. AP Physics Partnership – Stephen Sullivan

We are waiting for further confirmation on the AP Physics Partnership.

B. Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way more information will be forth coming.

IV. Old Business:

A. Wellness Policy – Nancy Jenks

Ms. Jenks presented a slide presentation on the *Wellness Policy* to the committee and audience. A few of the items covered included the school lunch program, fundraising, teacher-to-student-incentives, snacks, birthday parties, holiday celebrations, food allergies,. Also covered were the Healthy and Safe Environment; Social and Emotional Wellbeing; Health Services; Health Education & Life Skills Cultural Proficiency; Staff Wellness; Monitoring & Evaluation. The committee would like more time to review the policy.

Ms. LaMorder informed the committee that through the MTA she was able to receive a Horticultural Grant in the amount of \$2,500. Eat what you grow. The work on this grant will be started at East Meadow and the students will get to see what they plant grow and then be able to eat it. A paraprofessional may reapply for this grant every year. In the future the grant will be in the amount of \$1,500.00.

B. Grant/Mindup Curriculum

The Granby Public Schools was awarded the Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice Grant, thanks to Nancy Jenks. The Granby Public Schools will be implementing the mindfulness curriculum at the East Meadow Elementary School in conjunction with the

Peacebuilder program this will allow staff and students the opportunity to learn and implement mindfulness strategies throughout their day and encourage thoughtful responses to situations that can induce stress and anxiety. Ms. Jenks presented the Mindfulness Curriculum: the curriculum focuses on the following for grades Kindergarten through grade 8: Neuroscience; social-emotional education; mindfulness; positive psychology; Mindup Lessons; Mindup Lessons Special Features; Mindup Lessons; Mindup Implementation; also included was a sample Mindup core practice schedule and lesson implementation chart; Mindup Reaching outwards; Mindup implementation time frames and Evidence-based positive outcomes. Ms. Jenks advised with the next hour of power the staff will be informed what will be coming. Training will be held throughout the school year.

Results from the Blizzard Bag survey are included for your review. There were one hundred and nine responses. Further results will be coming from the high school students for review.

C. Budget FY2018

The FY2018 budget is tracking as scheduled at this time.

D. Budget FY2019

Preliminary LEA Estimates for FY19; we show the following revenue: Chapter 70 - \$4,643,750; Required Local Contribution - \$4,761,219; Override - \$505,797; Transportation - \$813,542 the sub-total is \$10,724,308 Minus In-Kind (estimate) \$2,182,063 Sub-total \$8,542,245 Expenses total LEA Budget \$8,839,684. The 4/30/2018 Budget Gap was \$297,439 minus SPED teacher retirement & consolidation \$70,076 and Network Infrastructure upgrades moved to Capital \$41,725 = the Current Budget Gap of \$185,638.

V. Upcoming Business:

A.

VI. Policy:

A.

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stanton

Superintendent Stanton reported that we had 58 graduates on June 2, 2018. We are very proud of these wonderful students. On June 10th the town will celebrate their 250th anniversary with a parade, we will march under a flag designed by Brandie Dumais. The flag will also fly at the State House to commemorate the town's 250th anniversary.

B. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Mr. Simpson

C. West Street Building Committee

Mr. Evren

D. Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Curran & Mr. Evren

VIII. Correspondence:

A. AP Physics Partnership – Stephen Sullivan (Agenda item III. A)

B. Project Lead the Way (Agenda item III.B)

C. Wellness Policy – Nancy Jenks (Agenda item IV. A)

D. Grant/Mindup Curriculum (Agenda item IV.B)

E. Budget FY2018 (Agenda item IV. C)

F. Budget FY2019 (Agenda item IV. D)

The Regular Session was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. Mr. Simpson, aye; Mr. Evren, aye; there was not an executive session held.

- 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.

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