



# **GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## **Remote School Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz, Vice-Chair; Ms. Jennifer Mallette;  
Ms. Stephanie Parent; Ms. Audrey Siudak

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Mrs. Carol Hepworth, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, School Business Manager; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

**GRANBY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:** Cheryl Denette (President of GEA)

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Markus Baran

- I. Call to order: Mr. Evren called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**MOTION:** Ms. Siudak motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Parent which included the minutes from January 5, 2021 and Warrant 0044.

**VOTE:** All in favor (5-0-0)

- 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: Markus Baran (Absent)

N/A

- IV. New Business:

- A. **VOTE:** Building Use User Fees

There will be a fee set in place when circumstances are better for organizations to pay a fee to use the building. Some organizations in Granby that have been using the facilities will not be charged a fee.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bartosz motioned to approve the building use fee document, seconded by Ms. Siudak.

**VOTE:** All in favor (5-0-0)

- B. Social Media Policy (athletics)

A social media policy was established for students to utilize a social media platform to increase lines of communication within the student body and/or grade level.

**MOTION:** Ms. Mallette motioned to approve the social media policy seconded by Ms. Bartosz.

**VOTE:** All in favor (5-0-0)

**C. VOTE:** Student Opportunity Act Plan

The Student Opportunity Act is funding to offset disparities caused by lack of funding from the Chapter 70 monies. To apply a school district needs to develop an evidence based plan to address achievement disparities among student sub groups. Granby will focus on High Needs students and their MCAS differences between student populations. If funding received it will go toward training, curriculum development and instructional materials.

**MOTION:** Ms. Mallette motioned to approve the Student Opportunity Act Plan seconded by Ms. Siudak.

**VOTE:** All in favor (5-0-0)

V. Continuing Business:

A. Chartwell's update

Ken LePage from Chartwells gave an update on the amount of meals they have provided in November and December. November meals provided were 14,000 and in December 14,200.

B. Reopening Planning Process

a. Safety Committee update

The Board of Health data sheet was shared with the community so they could try to interpret the data the way the schools see it. Mr. Sullivan, principal of Granby JRSRHS, asked the committee for approval to hold PSAT's in the cafeteria at the HS scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bartosz motioned to approve the planned PSAT's to be held at the HS on January 26, 2021 seconded by Ms. Mallette.

**VOTE:** All in favor (5-0-0)

C. Superintendent Search

The flyer was made regarding the search and it was posted by the MASC. The deadline for the posting is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

VI. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Hepworth

Mrs. Meghan Schepart, Director of Pupil Services, spoke regarding grants the district applied for and received. The grants are "Building Equitable Supports for Students with Disabilities and the SELIS grant which is regarding the social/emotional aspect of the student body. A

survey will be sent to the students after parental consent is established. There are also some upcoming Professional Development opportunities.

There will be a school committee meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the reopening plan.

Winter sports have been pushed back to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

B. Business Office & Facilities Report Mr. Tarquini

The roof leak at East Meadow was caused by a rooftop unit not being installed correctly. The issue will be resolved.

C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES) Ms. Mallette

The CES will meet next week.

- VII. 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. Siudak, aye; Ms. Parent, aye; Ms. Mallette, aye; Ms. Bartosz, aye; Mr. Evren, aye to adjourn the executive session at 9:00 P.M.

### **Granby Public Schools Mission Statement**

In the Granby Public Schools, we focus on the whole child, to develop a community that empowers every student to become civically engaged, service-minded, responsible, intellectually curious and prepared individuals engaged in our culturally diverse and global community. We encourage respectful and constructive exchange of feedback within and outside our schools as a pathway to continuous improvement, leading to fearless learning.

### **Granby Public Schools Vision Statement**

We believe that relationships matter. We believe in the promise of every child, in the purpose every child brings to learning, and in the passion every child possesses. We believe that learning is about the growth of all aspects of the child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

### **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 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.]**