



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Remote School Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:30 PM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Ms. Jennifer Bartosz, Chairperson; Ms. Stephanie Parent, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Mallette; Ms. Audrey Siudak; Ms. Jill Pelletier

ADMINISTRATION:

Mrs. Carol Hepworth, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, Director of Business & Operations; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Markus Baran

I. Call to order:

Consent Agenda:

A. **VOTE:** Minutes: March 30, 2021

MOTION: Ms. Mallette motioned to approve the amended consent agenda which included minutes from March 30, 2021 seconded by Ms. Siudak.

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

II. Visitors 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).

There were no visitors this evening.

III. Check in-GEA President: Cheryl Denette
N/A

IV. Student Representative: Markus Baran

Mr. Baran told the committee that cross country and boys and girls basketball had started their practices.

V. Continuing Business:

A. Reopening Planning Process
a. Safety Committee update

The Department of Education has not given any guidance on when full in-person teaching can start for grades 9-12. Mr. Sullivan stated that there will be enough classrooms for the students to all be in-person. The fans have been installed in the gym so students have the option to eat in there as well. The schools are using contact tracing to determine if or when a student, staff member or whole class would possibly be out due to COVID. The desks are placed 3 feet apart.

MOTION: Ms. Parent motioned to approve that grades 9-12 can start full week, in-person learning on April 26th seconded by Ms. Pelletier.

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

B. Spring Sports Update

If the community is in the red, sports can still play. The programs would be effected by school transmission not community transmission. The spring sports (Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Softball and Baseball) registration is open on Family ID. There are some kinks still being worked out for wrestling.

C. Superintendent Search

There is a meet and greet and public forum scheduled for the Superintendent Candidates on April 12th and April 13th. A survey from the Massachusetts Association of School Committee will be sent both evenings. Ms. Pelletier who was on the Superintendent Search Committee thanked all who was on the committee for their time and efforts.

VI. New Business:

a. Chartwells

Chartwells Food Service provided some figures for the school committee regarding their amount of meal sales and revenue. They are not sure yet if the free meal program will continue after September 2021.

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Hepworth

Mrs. Hepworth thanked all who donated to the Western Mass Food Bank drive. There is a Granby to Go clothing event on April 16th at Granby to Go. Mrs. Hepworth also provided the number of students in each school who attend in person and remote learning.

B. Business Office & Facilities Report

Mr. Tarquini

Mr. Tarquini stated there is a joint meeting with the School Department and Select Board on April 7th. At the next school committee meeting he will provide an update on the FY22 preliminary budget and a FY21 update.

C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)

Ms. Mallette

The Collaborative had a presentation on Social Injustice and Equity Initiatives. The United Way is looking into after school programming for students.

VIII. Correspondence:

a. Minutes: March 30, 2021

(Agenda Item I.A)

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

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.]