

Granby Public Schools

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School Committee Meeting Minutes November 30, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Ms. Jennifer Bartosz, Chairperson; (Absent) Ms. Stephanie Parent, Vice-Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Mallette; Ms. Audrey Siudak; Ms. Jill Pelletier

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Stephen Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, Director of Finance & Operations; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Markus Baran

I. Call to order: Ms. Bartosz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Consent Agenda:

A. VOTE: Minutes: November 16, 2021

MOTION: Ms. Siudak motioned to approve the minutes from November 16, 2021, seconded by Ms. Pelletier

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

B. VOTE: Warrant #'s: 0032 & 0033

MOTION: Ms. Siudak motioned to approve Warrants # 0032 & #0033, seconded by Ms. Mallette

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

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).

Roxana Alequin- Youtube question

Seamus Connelly: phone-in

Michelle Simpson

Roxana asked Ms. Novick about a spending cap for charter students. Seamus asked if there was a way for non-profit organizations to offset the cost per student in Granby.

III. Student Representative Report: Markus Baran (Absent)

IV. Granby Educators' Association Report: Cheryl Denette (Absent)

V. New Business:

A. M.A.S.C. Budget Presentation: Ms. Tracy Novick

Ms. Novick presented a PowerPoint on how the budget for towns and cities is made and how the state decided how much money that each town or city will receive. She also answered a question regarding school choice and charter school students.

B. VOTE: December 23rd early dismissal

The committee voted to make December 23rd a half-day and not a full day of school for students and staff.

MOTION: Ms. Mallette motioned to make the full day of school on December 23rd to a half-day of school for teachers and staff, seconded by Ms. Siudak

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

VI. Continuing Business:

A. Testing Program

Granby will continue with pooled testing. There was an uptick in cases which was expected due to the Thanksgiving break.

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Sullivan

There will be a mobile vaccine clinic on December 8th from 12:00-6:00 in the East Meadow Gymnasium. There will be a virtual student group at the high school on Sundays from 11:00-1:00, in-person Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:00, a late bus will also be available. The book fair is going on in East Meadow from November 29th-December 3rd.

B. Finance & Operations Report:

Mr. Tarquini

The procurement policy was received and sent over to the town. The capital improvement request was submitted for the High School gymnasium and the kitchen/cafeteria.

C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES):

Ms. Pelletier

The C.E.S. met discussed their independent audit and how the business office changed some of their positions.

There will be a joint Select Board and School Committee meeting on December 9th at 6:00 PM in the East Meadow Library.

MOTION: Ms. Mallette motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Pelletier

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

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 the 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 audiotaped 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.]