

**Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes  
September 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Services**

Present Board Members: Lynn Guelzow, Melissa Migliaccio, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber, and Dwaritha Ramesh and Maddie Wilson (Student Representatives)

Absent Board Members: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino and Brandon Webster

Melissa Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Administrative Reports**

**I.A. Superintendent's Announcements**

- Dr. Addley welcomed the Board's new student representatives, Dwaritha Ramesh and Maddie Wilson, to their first meeting. He also welcomed Ayden Lidestri and Isabella Krum, as well as high school staff who were in attendance to present for Schools in the Spotlight.
- The late bus is up and running. There are typically 18 students between the middle school and high school who use the service. It has been well received thus far.
- The district has entered into an agreement to purchase diesel fuel with the town and has secured a memorandum of understanding to do so.
- The Equity Taskforce met last week and are in their phase of implementation.
- Continue to have discussions with Brian Liss, YMCA, and Kristen Vincent, Town Recreation Dept., and it looks as though an after-school childcare program may get kicked off in January. This will come back to the Board and be communicated to parents.
- Granby will be hosting 6 teachers from Pakistan in October/November. Teachers will be looking at American pedagogy and opportunities while they are here.
- Open houses are going well. PK/K and middle school were held last night. The district will try to coordinate better with regard to open house dates in the future.
- It will be a big weekend at the high school this upcoming weekend for their NEAS&C visit. At this point the Board is aware of the schedule. Dr. Addley thanked the high school staff for all of their hard work and preparation. The findings of the visiting committee will provide a blueprint for the high school over the next 10 years.
- Achievement data is in. Students have done very well in AP/SAT testing at the secondary level. There is some work to do with regard to the test scores in Grades 3 through 8. This will be discussed further when the District Testing Report is presented.
- The CABA/CAPSS convention will be held November 18-19 this year. Board members please consider attending this year.
- Enrollment was projected to be down 44 students this year but the district did not lose any students. Current enrollment is at 1,863 students.
- Schools will be closed tomorrow in honor of the Yom Kippur holiday.
- The next Board Meeting will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**I.B. Student Representative Reports**

Ms. Migliaccio introduced the new student representatives and shared that both students came highly recommended from high school staff. Dwaritha Ramesh stated she wanted to be a student representative because she is interested to see where the decisions are made for the school system. Maddie Wilson stated her reason is that she would like to be an elementary education teacher and learn more about the education system. The students had a few updates as follows:

- Chamber singers will be singing at the NEAS&C reception on Sunday.
- Sports teams are doing great so far this fall.
- Granby Grunts will be at Granby Days this Saturday and at the Fly-in in Simsbury on Sunday.

## **I.C. Schools in the Spotlight**

Ms. Julie Groene, Assistant Principal and Director of Guidance at the High School, and high school students Ayden Lidestri, Grade 11, and Isabella Krum, Grade 10, presented their experiences on the College Connections Summer Seminar held over the summer. Ms. Groene stated this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of this program. It was held July 16-20 this year and public and private colleges in Connecticut and Massachusetts were visited. The object of the program is to help students see different types of college and campuses. Ayden stated it was his second year attending and it is one of the best experiences he has had in high school. He went on to state this year's program continued to clarify what he was looking for in a college and it also encouraged him to expand his college search even looking in California. Isabella stated she thought she wanted to go to a bigger college and campus but by the end of the week determined that a smaller college may be a better fit for her. She enjoyed the Granby alumni panel and found that very informative as students could share their experiences. Ms. Groene informed the Board that financial restrictions did not get in the way of anyone attending this year. Dr. Addley inquired if there is anything the program needs from the Board and Ms. Groene stated she appreciated the Board's support in assisting families with financial needs.

## **II. Public Comment**

There were no public comments this evening.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **III.A. Minutes**

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Sarah Thrall to adopt the consent agenda. Lynn Guelzow requested a change to the minutes under Item I.C. This motion passed unanimously at 7:27 p.m.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **IV.A. CABA Level Two Leadership Award**

The Board reviewed the final application for the CABA Level Two Leadership Award. Melissa Migliaccio noted Equity Taskforce, Start Time Taskforce, Generations Mentoring Program, and action on cuts to ECS funding and virtual net metering were the new additions to the Board's application. The Board discussed using the ability built in to CABA e-meeting to align agenda items to their Board goals going forward.

## **V. New Business**

### **V.A. High School Roof Appropriation Request**

The Board discussed the approval of an appropriation request to repair a high school roof. A motion was made by Lynn Guelzow and seconded by Rosemarie Weber that the Granby Board of Education approve an additional appropriation request not to exceed \$170,000 for the repair of a high school roof. This item will move to the Board of Selectmen before moving on to the Board of Finance for approval. Dr. Addley stated he was informed today from CIRMA that the middle school roof will be replaced due to hail damage. This motion passed unanimously at 7:36 p.m.

### **V.B. Annual Equity Report**

Mr. Christopher Tranberg, Assistant Superintendent, presented the annual Equity Report to the Board and presented an overview of the report stating the data is reported by program (General/Special Education) and by residence (Granby/Hartland/Hartford). He informed the Board the data he will present is for the district level and principals will report on the school level during their school improvement plan presentations. Mr. Tranberg reviewed the indicators of Graduation, College Readiness, Student Achievement 3-10, and School Engagement and stated there was excellent news to report that all students graduated last year. With regard to college readiness, the achievement gap is narrowing between Granby and Hartford students in relation to college

course completion. Student representative Maddie Wilson stated she feels students fall into a category of an AP track or academic track very quickly. Dr. Addley stated this is a process which needs to change for students who are not college bound. Mr. Tranberg reviewed grade level testing and school engagement data stating there were many areas of success in school engagement. He reviewed actions taken which were broken down into four categories: Professional Capacity, Achievement, Climate and Program Participation. Next steps were discussed and one step is to begin the implementation of the equity taskforce recommendations of 1) introducing a system to support social/emotional learning needs; 2) consistency in procedures for office referral reporting; 3) increasing professional development for staff; and, 4) addressing policies and practices preventing access to college level classes at the high school. Dr. Addley stated the Equity Taskforce is one of the things he is most proud of about the district.

## **VI. Miscellaneous**

### **VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports**

#### **VI.A.1. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication**

This subcommittee did not meet.

#### **VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities**

This subcommittee did not meet.

### **VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports**

#### **VI.B.1. CREC/CABE**

CREC has not met.

#### **VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation**

The Granby Education Foundation meeting has been re-scheduled to September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI.C. Calendar of Events**

There are many open houses on the calendar; NEAS&C reception on Sunday; Spanish exchange students arrive September 29<sup>th</sup>; and, French exchange students arrive October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI.D. Board Member Announcements**

Melissa Migliaccio announced she was nominated to serve on the Capital Community College Foundation Board, stating she hopes to bring some of her Board knowledge of higher education and public education. Sarah Thrall stated her students at the high school informed her the principal chat last week by Dr. Calcasola and Mr. Dunn was well received by students. Student representative Maddie Wilson stated students received information on issues of vaping and the effects of nicotine. She informed the Board it felt like a very personal conversation and that the students' best interests were in mind. Student representative Dwaritha Ramesha thanked the Board for their adoption of new courses AP Calculus BC and AP Computer Science.

### **VI.E. Action Items**

There were no action items to report.

## **VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting**

There was no need for an Executive Session. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Lynn Guelzow to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber  
Board Secretary