



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

May 5, 2020

7:30 P.M.

EAST MEADOW SCHOOL LIBRARY MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Mike Simpson, Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz, Vice-Chair; Mr. Emre Evren; Mr. James Pietras; Ms. Jennifer Mallette; Markus Baran, (Student Representative)

ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. Sheryl Stanton, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, School Business Manager; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

GRANBY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Robbin Lamorder, GEA President

I. Call to order:

Mr. Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Consent Agenda:

A. **VOTE:** Minutes: April 21, 2020

MOTION: Mr. Evren motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Bartosz which included the minutes from April 21, 2020

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).

Robbin Lamorder
Stephanie Parent
Kim Goldsmith

The visitors of the evening spoke out regarding any upcoming educational funding. If there were any cuts due to lack of funding then it was expressed that these cuts not affect the student population. A visitor asked if Granby was involved in the Peer/Student engagement that was put forth by DESE recently as well as a non-resident policy regarding residents who were not living in Granby be able to participate in school committee meetings. A visitor also asked if school committee was involved with the wellness Wednesdays in Granby Public Schools. It may be difficult for some students to stop mid-week and then resume studies again on Thursday and Friday.

III. Student Representative Report: Marcus Baran

Mr. Baran sent a questionnaire to students regarding the COVID-19. A PowerPoint was provided. He asked about the workload, difficulty and teacher accessibility and assistance.

IV. New Business

A. Transportation Cost Comparison: Mr. Tarquini

There were negotiations regarding Van Pool and First Students payments during the pandemic. Granby, Belchertown and Ware share a contract with First Student. Granby will pay 42% of the amount due for the remainder of the school year. Van Pool will receive 78% payment for the remainder of the school year. This agreement has not been voted on and is not finalized at this time.

B. Refunds for spring user fees: Ms. Jordan

Granby is a pay to play school district. Roughly 70 student athletes signed up for a spring sport however on April 24th the spring season was cancelled. Refunds will be given to all who signed up for a spring sport.

C. Spring Sport coaching payments: Ms. Jordan

Spring coaches will be paid a 15% of their coaching stipend for the spring season. Coaches attended pre-season meetings and spend time planning for their season and practices.

D. Potential Impacts of COVID-19 to education, facilities, budget

Ms. Mallette will be looking at the requirements to derive a joint resolution with CES and possibly other school districts that could be sent to the state asking for an increase in aid. On March 15th the district move to remote learning and the buildings were closed. There are still Professional Development offerings to teachers and paraprofessionals. There will be some aid for the Chromebook firewall protection that was needed for the students to be able to take them home for remote learning. There is a running list of other items that could possibly be reimbursed as well. There is a municipal spending freeze however Granby is working with the town to cover the asbestos abatement payment for room 110. There is a possibility of changes for School year 2020-2021 regarding remote learning due to the pandemic.

E. Signing Warrants Electronically

The school committee voted a few years back regarding a policy Municipal Modernization where the school committee/superintendent could have a designee sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Prices are being researched for digital signature software.

MOTION: Mr. Evren motioned to designate the school committee chair or his designee to sign the warrant and electronically sign when the software is purchased, seconded by Mr. Pietras

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

F. Pupil Services Director

Meghan Schepart was appointed as the new Pupil Services Director.

MOTION: Mr. Evren motioned to extend the offer to Meghan Schepart as the new Pupil Services Director at Granby Public Schools, seconded by Ms. Bartosz

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

- V. Old Business
 - A. Remote Learning Plan
 - B. East Meadow Class Size

Mr. Simpson thanked GCAM and the teachers for the parade that was put on for the students

- VI. Upcoming Business

- VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Stanton
B. Business Office & Facilities Report	Mr. Tarquini
C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES)	Ms. Mallette

Adjourn 9:10

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 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,

Jaclyn Kareta,
Recording Secretary for the School Committee