

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes

January 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Present Board Members: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Melissa Migliaccio, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber, Brandon Webster, and Maddie Attianese and Sarah Cusano (Student Representatives).

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

I. Administrative Reports

I.A. Superintendent's Announcements

- Today was the second snow day used this year and graduation has moved to Monday, June 18th at this point.
- Melanie Gibson will join Central Services as the new Human Resources Coordinator. Melanie will start on January 22nd and joins us from Canton Public Schools.
- Second round interviews are nearing completion and final interviews will be next week for the Director of Facilities.
- The meeting for Open Choice families has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 24th at 5:00 p.m. in Hartford at the new CREC office.
- The Three-Board Meeting was held last night. The Board of Finance will set the budget guidelines at their next meeting on January 22nd.
- The CREC Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 15th.
- A reminder that the Board is welcome to participate in the Mentor Program for first grade students at Kelly Lane.
- There will be a chorus/band concert at Wells Road for 3rd and 4th grade students tomorrow evening and a Middle School band concert on January 25th.
- There will be an early release on Monday, January 22nd for professional development as follows: NEAS&C (High School); Google Apps (Middle School); NGSS Understanding the Pilot Test (Wells Road); and, Maximizing the use of Eureka Math Resources (Kelly Lane).
- A Superintendent's Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss budget and other issues.

I.B. Student Representative Reports

- Poetry Out Loud finals were held last week. Two competitors from each grade prepared two poems. The winner was sophomore Autumn Munsell who will go on to the state-wide competition.
- Mid-terms will be held next week Tuesday through Friday.
- Mid-term coaching for freshmen will be available in the media center from NHS members.
- Job shadow day will be held on February 2nd.
- Athletic records: Swimming 2-1; boys' basketball 4-2; girls' basketball 6-2; wrestling 6-2; and, hockey 3-6.
- Junior planning will be held tomorrow with one session in the morning at 7:30 a.m. and one session in the evening at 6:30 p.m.

I.C. Business Manager's Report

Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, presented the December statement of accounts stating there is a negative forecast of \$411,979 which is better than the prior month by \$34K. Special education expenditures are projected to be unfavorable \$412,808 and regular education are projected to be favorable under \$1K. Savings in regular education supplies and administrative purchased services show an improved forecast for regular education. Savings in the regular education transportation line item is offset by vocational education transportation including voag transportation. Revenues to the town remain steady and billing for special education from other towns will be billed to Hartland and Hartford the end of January.

I.D. Schools in the Spotlight

This agenda item has been moved to the February 7, 2018 Board Meeting due to the snow day today.

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 Brandon Webster to adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed unanimously at 7:09 p.m.

IV. Old Business

IV.A. Third Reading of Draft Policy 3542.43 - Food Service

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Draft Policy 3542.43, Food Service, to the Board for a third reading and approval. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Sarah Thrall to adopt Policy 3542.32, Food Service, as presented and recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed unanimously at 7:10 p.m.

IV.B. Third Reading of Revised Policy 5145.15 - On-Campus Recruitment

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Revised Policy 5145.15, On-Campus Recruitment, to the Board for a third reading and approval. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Sarah Thrall to adopt Revised Policy 5145.15, On-Campus Recruitment, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

IV.C. FY19 Budget Update

The Board discussed the recent Three-Board Meeting and the FY19 Plus One Budget. Dr. Addley stated he has not received any feedback from this meeting and between now and when administration presents its budget, he will take the Board's comments under consideration and will present a budget. He informed the Board that one area from the plus one which needs to be tightened up is the health contribution. It became apparent yesterday there might be a disparity between what we presented and what our consultant thinks. Dr. Addley stated he will sit down with the consultant this week and will keep the Board apprised as this could impact a lot of things. Lynn Guelzow inquired where we are with regard to the guideline from the BOF. Ms. Migliaccio stated the BOE is waiting to hear and that the BOF will have a meeting on January 22nd to give the guideline. Ms. Guelzow also inquired if there was any further news from the state with regard to ECS grants. Dr. Addley stated there is no news to report. Ms. Migliaccio informed the Board the State received a one-time boost of \$9M but it remains to be seen how this will be spent.

V. New Business

V.A. FY19 Athletic Presentation

Mr. Brian Maltese, Athletic Director, presented the annual FY19 Athletic Presentation to the Board stating it has been a successful school year for the bears thus far. He reviewed some of the recognitions in athletics as follows: 25 athletes received all-conference recognition; 8 earned all-state in the fall; 1 athletic all-American in soccer; boys' soccer won the NCCC league championship; field hockey state champion finalists; and girls' soccer Class M state champs. Dave Emery, boys' soccer coach, has also been selected as Connecticut Soccer Coaches' Association Coach of the Year and will be recognized on January 21st at the Aqua Turf. Mr. Maltese reported this year, 2 girls participated in football and 3 girls are participating in wrestling. Participation numbers were presented for the past two seasons and numbers remain consistent in most sports. There is an increase in Hartford student participation with 15 male students participating this fall up from 10 and 13 girls participating up from 8 last year. Mr. Maltese explained there is a jump in the budget over the years due to an increase in sport offerings and this year there is an \$8,500 increase due to contractual coaching obligations and officials. Mr. Maltese informed the Board of the recommendations for the FY19 including continuing with the funding of the football program as well as an additional \$500 for golf fees due to the closing of the Southwick country club. Jenny Emery stated she would be interested in participation numbers (% of kids in high school that participate in one or more sport over a few years). Mr. Maltese stated he can get the information for her. Lynn Guelzow inquired if 1) concussions are tracked and what is being done to minimize them; and, 2) if the district is considering the increase of pay-for-play fees for next year. Dr. Addley stated the Finance Subcommittee has charged administration to bring back a recommendation. Mr. Maltese stated the athletic training has information on concussions and he will get the information. Brandon Webster inquired how many additional students would be needed for the late bus requested

in the Plus One Budget. Dr. Addley stated there is no number in mind. Principals suggested it would be helpful but two buses would be needed to cover the town at a cost of \$19,000.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

This subcommittee has not met.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

Jenny Emery reported the statement of accounts was reviewed. The squeezing of any overage found in the regular education budget has brought us almost even due to the increase in the bus contract cost. We are halfway into the year and setting aside general education, there is a large deficit on the special education side. The subcommittee also looked at the stop loss policy and excess revenue vs. cost. Mike Guarco and Gordie Bischoff joined the first part of the meeting to try to understand this. Also discussed the cost of fuel oil. The subcommittee gave Anna Robbins endorsement of the efforts she is making to get as close to the Plus One Budget as possible.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Mark Fiorentino cancelled meeting today due to weather. Not rescheduled as of yet.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

The GEF will meet next Monday at 7:00 p.m. Jenny Emery will not be able to attend. Any interested Board members are welcome to attend the meeting.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

The calendar of events was reviewed and many events will be attended by Board members.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

- Jenny Emery inquired about the Mentoring Program and how much did the district want to promote it, i.e., Granby Facebook page. Dr. Addley stated he has reached out to organizations.
- Melissa Migliaccio expressed congratulations to Jenny and Dave Emery on the birth of their 4th grandchild.
- Sarah Thrall informed the Board about the Granby Middle School Steam Day on Tuesday, January 30th.

VI.E. Action Items

Action items: 1) Percentage of high school population that play 1 or more sports (exclude double) (Jenny Emery); 2) data on how we track concussions and what we do as far as follow-up (Lynn Guelzow); 3) pay-for-play fee increase (Lynn Guelzow); and, 4) approximate number of athletes who would utilize a late bus (Brandon Webster).

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

A motion was made by Lynn Guelzow and seconded by Sara Thrall to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session to discuss a student matter. This motion passed unanimously at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to adjourn the Executive Session. This motion passed unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber
Board Secretary