

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes
November 28, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present Board Members: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Melissa Migliaccio, Sarah Thrall, Brandon Webster, and Rosemarie Weber.

Absent Board Members: Maddy Wilson and Dwaritha Ramesh (Student Representatives)

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

I. Administrative Reports

I.A. Assistant Superintendent's Announcements

- Dr. Addley welcomed pre-school teachers Mary Scully and Sarah Richards.
- In the news yesterday, a social media threat of violence was reportedly against an unnamed CT high school. The district received no communication from the SDE, State Police, Local Police, or professional organizations. The apparent threat to CT schools was actually a threat towards Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colorado.
- Received some good news from the state that ECS funding will be approximately \$600K more than our budget. A final confirmation of this will be made in April.
- Congratulations to the Board of Education on receiving the Level II leadership Award at the CABE/CAPSS Convention.
- Congratulations to all of the sports teams on a good season this fall.
- The drama production, Almost Maine, was very a very cute play and extremely well performed by the kids. Hopefully everyone will come to see Grease in the spring.
- Plus one process is underway and will be presented to the Board in January. Large Capital Projects will be presented at the next meeting.
- Granby Administrators' Contract was voted on by the Board of Selectmen to take no action. Negotiations with the secretarial union have begun.
- Repairs on high school roof began today.
- Mentoring program has started and is underway.
- Capstone students Emma Fetridge and Mckenzie Huot have organized a Family Game Night at Wells Road this Friday. Proceeds will benefit HuskyTHON.
- The middle school hosted a PAC meeting which was very well attended by parents. It was generally a good meeting about meeting the needs of all our students.
- The meeting at the Department of Administrative Services has been rescheduled to December 12th for the solar project.
- Thank you to all of the veterans for their participation at our Veterans Day celebrations around the district.
- This Friday two students, 8th grader, Elliot Hosack, and senior, Katherine Hosack, will be honored as the recipients of the Farmington Valley Superintendents' Award.
- We have used one of the five emergency days this year.
- Thank you to the Start Time Committee Taskforce for its work. Will communicate to staff and parents soon as the Committee is close to sending out a survey.

Melissa Migliaccio reported that at the CABE (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education)/CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, Alan received the highest award given to a superintendent, Superintendent of the Year. She stated she is very proud of Alan and it was wonderful to hear his peers talk consistently about how Alan mentored them and how they routinely call him for advice.

I.B. Student Representative Reports

There were no student representative reports this evening.

I.C. Business Manager's Report

Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, presented the October statement of accounts and stated there is a negative forecast of \$532K overall. Special education expenditures are unfavorable at \$541K and regular education expenditures are favorable at \$9K. The unfavorable forecast for special education has improved slightly from last month as the district was able to combine some transportation needs which has saved some money. The Board received an additional appropriation of \$170K from the town for the emergency roof repair on Building #1 at the high school. The Q&D fund shows an unfavorable forecast of about \$9K which is an improvement from last month due to making up for some lost ground after funding the Kindergarten teaching assistants. Revenue estimates received from the state shows Granby will receive \$5.3M which is \$600K higher than budgeted by the town. The BOE revenue forecast is now favorable by \$200K. Jenny Emery stated the Finance Subcommittee reviewed the statement of accounts this evening.

I.D. Schools in the Spotlight

Ms. Sarah Richard and Ms. Mary Scully, Preschool Teachers at Kelly Lane Primary School, showed a video of what a typical day looks like for a preschool student. The video showed students in circle time, centers, reading, and writing. There are currently 42 students in the program and the special education ratio is 5 to 8. Kim Dessert, Principal, stated some students are currently attending for a full day and the district is looking in the future to be able to do another section to enable 2 full-day sections as well as being able to take Open Choice students.

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 Jenny Emery to adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed unanimously at 7:31 p.m.

IV. Old Business

IV.A. Third Reading and Approval of Revised Policy 5141.5, Reports of Suspected Abuse

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 5141.5, Reports of Suspected Abuse to the Board for a third reading and approval. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Brandon Webster that the Granby Board of Education adopt Policy 5141.5 as amended and recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed unanimously at 7:32 p.m.

IV.B. Third Reading and approval of Draft Policy 6163.3, Live Animals in Classrooms

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended draft Policy 6163.3, Live Animals in Classrooms, to the Board for a third reading and approval. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Brandon Webster that the Granby Board of Education adopt Policy 6163.3, Live Animals in Classrooms, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed unanimously at 7:33 p.m.

V. New Business

V.A. First Reading of Revised Policy 4118.11 - Nondiscrimination

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 4118.11, Nondiscrimination, to the Board for a first reading. This policy was revised for a statutory change. This policy will go to the board for a second reading at the next meeting.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

This subcommittee has not met.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports (Cont'd)

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

Jenny Emery reported this subcommittee met this evening and discussed the statement of accounts. Also reviewed the Hold Harmless Agreement with the town, which calls for the Board to do all they can to be fiscally responsible and spoke with Dr. Addley about short-term and long-term actions related to the deficit. Also reviewed the plus one timeline which will go to the Board on January 2nd. January 22nd is the Three-Board Meeting. Administration has taken the large capital projects and has re-worked them. This document was reviewed and will go to the full Board next week and then on to CPPAC. Solar is the biggest unknown project. This would add to the capital project needs but it will have a net positive impact on the town financially. Also discussed fee structures: Pay-for-play is locked in for right now, use of building fees will increase 3% per year and preschool will increase 3% as well. Mark Fiorentino stated it was important to note that services to our students will not be cut to erase any deficit in special education costs. Additionally, he said it was important to note that the narrative for the statement of accounts will be changed going forward to reflect revenue.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Mark Fiorentino reported CREC Council will meet next week.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

Jenny Emery reported the preliminary date for the GranBee is April 26th.

VI.B.3. Start Time Study

Lynn Guelzow reported the Taskforce met on Monday evening and stated the survey close to being complete and sent out prior to the December break. There was a lot of discussion about things going on in other towns as well as possibly doing some site visits with towns who are currently on a later schedule. The Taskforce is still on target to present to the Board in March where they may put options and recommendations on the table but will not expect the Board to vote at that time. Sarah Thrall inquired what schools will receive the survey. Lynn Guelzow stated the middle school and high school. Dr. Addley reminded the Board that any decision the Board might make next year will need to be put into the budget next year and will not be instituted until the following year.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Melissa Migliaccio stated there are two board meetings in December. The Board will discuss the necessity for a December 19th meeting at the December 5th meeting. There are holiday concerts coming up as well as the high school PAC meeting on December 3rd.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

There were no Board Member announcements this evening.

VI.E. Action Items

Discuss the need for a December 19th Board Meeting at the December 5th meeting.

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

A motion was made by Melissa Migliaccio and seconded by Sarah Thrall to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the superintendent's contract. This motion passed unanimously at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber
Board Secretary