

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes
December 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Absent Board Members: Lynn Guelzow and Rosemarie Weber

Melissa Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. Administrative Reports

I.A. Superintendent's Announcements

- Welcome to Wells Road students, parents and teachers here this evening to present for Schools in the Spotlight.
- The district extends its condolences and sympathies to two high school students who lost their fathers this week.
- First round interviews for the human resources position at Central Services has been completed. Second round interviews started this week. Will see two finalists the first week in January.
- PJ Day raised over \$1,600 from all schools for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC).
- The Farm-to-School Grant has been submitted.
- Received word from the Graustein Memorial Fund that we will receive funding to continue our equity work.
- Also received news from the state that we will receive \$69K for the Choice Grant. Two years ago the district received \$184K. The agenda for that meeting will be posted on December 29th. A reminder that January 9th is a board meeting to approve the Plus One Budget prior to the January 16th Three-Board Meeting.
- There will be meeting with Hartford Choice parents on January 4th in Hartford. Board members are invited to attend
- Action items from last board meeting: NGSS border states – map attached; continue to work on a few requests for high school guidance such as students not attending college and tracking students after college; 39% reimbursement – there is no sense that this will be cut – the State Dept. of Construction is looking closely at projects and being very selective.
- Board members received a newsletter from Elaine Chagnon about her outreach to schools in Africa.
- The Kelly Lane sing-a-long will be held at 9:00 a.m. this Friday. It will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend.
- There will be an early release on Friday. On behalf of the district, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

I.B. Student Representative Reports

- The high school raised \$300 for the CCMC for PJ Day last Friday.
- The holiday concert was performed during advisory today.
- Sports report: Boys' basketball lost their first game last night; girls' basketball is undefeated; Hockey won 4-1 today; there was a swim meet on Monday and divers swept 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for their division; and, the track team had a meet last Saturday.

- The NHS stocking drive ended on December 14th. Stockings were delivered to social services. Donating leftover stockings to CCMC.
- The chorus concert will be held tomorrow night.
- The New Year's Ball will be held on January 5th from 7-10 p.m. This is the 2nd year for this dance.
- Nate Orluk finished 2nd out of 1200 students for the stock market game.
- Madisyn MacDonald did her Capstone project about how inner city youth cannot afford to pay for sports so she will be collecting sports equipment from January 2-12 at GMHS that is gently used. She will deliver it to the Springfield Boys' and Girls' Club.

I.C. Business Manager's Report

Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, presented the November statement of accounts. The period ending November 30th had a negative forecast of \$445K which is \$59K better than last month due to some unforeseen high-cost education expenses. Regular education expenditures are unfavorable but there is a positive change in the negative forecast due to shared transportation services. Revenue to the town remains relatively unchanged at this time. Jenny Emery stated the accounts were reviewed in the Finance Subcommittee Meeting tonight.

I.D. Schools in the Spotlight

Dr. Anna Forlenza-Bailey introduced Mr. James Janski and Ms. Christina Fleming. Mr. Janski described the problem that students had to solve in their unit on sound. Students had to create an instrument that created different pitches and volumes. Fifth grade students Aleina Nardi, Lindsey Puglise and Jack Brooke from Wells Road Intermediate School shared the musical projects they created and demonstrated how each instrument changed pitch and volume. Aleina Nardi performed The First Noel on her instrument and all of the students played Hot Cross Buns which demonstrated all of the instruments.

II. Public Comment

Tammy Brown, 11 Stonewall Drive in West Granby. Ms. Brown has three children in the Granby Public Schools and stated Granby does not challenge her children and offers very little for gifted and high-achieving students. She would like to see honors classes instituted at the middle school.

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Minutes

III.B. Teacher Retirements

A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Sarah Thrall to adopt the consent agenda. The Board considered the following teacher retirements effective June 2018: Lori Armentano, Susan Bush, Elaine Chagnon, Cindy Garrey, Ellen Godiksen, and Chuck Washer. Dr. Addley stated that, collectively, these teachers have approximately 150 years of service to Granby Public Schools. This motion passed unanimously at 7:27 p.m.

IV. Old Business

IV.A. Third Reading and Approval of Draft Policy 4134 - Tutoring

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Policy 4134, Tutoring, to the Board for a third reading and approval. There were no comments received on this policy. A motion was made by Mark Fiorentino and seconded by Jenny Emery to adopt Policy 4134, Tutoring, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed unanimously at 7:28 p.m.

IV.B. FY19-FY23 Large Capital Projects

The Board continued its discussions on the large capital projects for FY19-FY23. Dr. Addley explained the large capital projects will become part of the plus one budget document stating it presents a good high-level perspective on the large capital projects. Melissa Migliaccio inquired if the storage tank at the middle school is in the ground. Anna Robbins stated that, yes, it is in the ground and the tanks are very well maintained and there is no reason to believe there are leaks or spills. Melissa inquired if the district has thought about the possibility of having an oil source option in the future and possibly putting an oil tank in the basement at the middle school. Anna Robbins will get back to her on that issue.

V. New Business

V.A. First Reading of Draft Policy 3542.43 - Food Service

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Policy 3542.43, Food Service, to the Board for a first reading. Christopher Tranberg stated the district is making sure a process is in place for a charging policy for students if they do not have lunch. Please send any comments to Rosemarie Weber or Christopher Tranberg. This policy will go to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

V.B. First Reading of Revised Policy 5145.14 - On-Campus Recruitment

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Policy 5145.14, On-Campus Recruitment, to the Board for a first reading. Christopher Tranberg stated this policy is revised due to some language changes. Please send any comments to Rosemarie Weber or Christopher Tranberg. This policy will go 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

Melissa Migliaccio stated new texts were distributed at the last meeting and the reviews are due at the next meeting. New courses will be brought up again at the next meeting on January 3rd.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

Jenny Emery reported this subcommittee met this evening and discussed the statement of accounts and tuition fees for pre-school. Received additional information on the cost of the pre-school program. The Finance Subcommittee acted to support an increase in fees this year consistent with the increase in the personnel costs of 3.88%. Discussed accounting for revenues and special education – will continue to deliberate on that. Administration shared information with the subcommittee on foods sold in the cafeteria.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Mark Fiorentino stated CREC has not met since the last meeting. Melissa Migliaccio shared the CABE legislative breakfast will be held on February 15th this year.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

Jenny Emery stated she is willing to fulfill the role as a BOE member on the GEF until another BOE member can take her place. The BOE member is non-voting member on the GEF; however, a BOE member's perspective is important when issues are being considered.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Melissa Migliaccio stated next meeting on January 3rd.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

Melissa Migliaccio expressed condolences to Rosemarie Weber and her family on the recent passing of her father.

VI.E. Action Items

Action items as follows: Assess the ability to have an oil tank installed in the middle school basement in the future.

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

There was no need to go into an Executive Session this evening. A motion was made by Brandon Webster and seconded by Sarah Thrall to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Powell, Board Recorder