

Special Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes

March 8, 2018, 7:45 p.m.

Central Services

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

Absent Board Members: Lynn Guelzow, Sarah Thrall and Maddie Attianese (Student Representative).

Melissa Migliaccio and members of Cub Scout Pack 325 Will, Noah and Aiden called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

I. Administrative Reports

I.A. Superintendent's Announcements

- Due to the snow day, the Day on the Hill has been rescheduled to next week, Thursday, March 15th.
- Dr. Addley formally introduced Shannon Sullivan, Director of Facilities, stating on his first day last week he had to make a snow call. Shannon previously worked at Waterbury Public Schools encompassing 35 schools and he lives in Hartland. Welcome to Granby Public Schools.
- With the snow day on Wednesday, the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 20th.
- Congratulations to the DECA Club who had top 3 finalists and top 6 – They are off to Atlanta for the nationals.
- Also congratulations to Carly Demartino. Carly is the 2018 national spokeskid for the Sunshine Kids.
- Read across America Day was held last week at Kelly Lane. Dr. Addley stated he had the opportunity to read to Mrs. Kibby's first grade class.
- Received word about the third security grant the District applied for which was fully funded for close to \$1M. The District has 45 days to make a commitment. Will have a discussion with the Board of Selectmen before going to the Board of Finance.
- Presenting the budget details at the PTO and MS/HS PAC Meetings on March 12th at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., respectively.
- With regard to the National Walkout Day on March 14th, Dr. Addley stated the District will be respectful to this event; however, it is not encouraging nor discouraging student participation. Secondary principals will be forwarding information to parents tomorrow.
- There will be a CREC Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. regarding RESC Magnet School Funding in Simsbury.
- A budget workshop will be held next week on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Central Services.
- The GranBee will be held on April 27th. Thank you to the Board for sponsoring teams.
- Dr. Addley stated he Testified before the Energy Technology Committee regarding Virtual Net Metering. There could be a substantial savings to the town.

I.B. Student Representative Reports

- A Blood Drive will be held on March 14th from 8-1 p.m. There are 10 spots left if anyone interested in donating.
- There will be a Dodgeball Tournament this Friday from 6-9 p.m.
- *Fiddler on the Roof* will be held next week with performances on Friday night at 7 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Admission is \$12 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults.
- Sports Report: Boys' basketball lost in the second round of the State Tournament and finished the season with a 15-9 record; girls' basketball also lost in the second round of the State Tournament and finished the season with a 17-7 record; swimming finished 4th in the Nutmeg Conference; Chris Weber won the 100m fly and backstroke; Chris Weber, Anthony Spica, Spencer Kimble, and Mark Dolan finished 3rd in the 400m relay; Cooper Fleming finished 3rd in the wrestling New England Tournament; and, Hockey finished the season with a 8-10-1 record.

I.C. Schools in the Spotlight/Teaching & Learning

Due to the rescheduled date of this Board Meeting, this agenda item will be presented at the March 21st Board Meeting.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments this evening.

III. Consent Agenda (5 min.)

III.A. Minutes

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Mark Fiorentino to adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed unanimously at 7:54 p.m.

IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

V. New Business

V.A. First Reading of Draft Policy 3542.34 - Nutrition Program

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Draft Policy 3542.34, Nutrition Program, to the Board for a first reading. Rosemarie Weber stated the Subcommittee worked through the language for this policy to adhere to the federal guidelines and Granby's philosophy of buying local when we can and making sure our school offerings are nutritious and healthy. She stated that neither she nor Christopher Tranberg have received any comments thus far. This policy will go to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

V.B. First Reading of Revised Policy 5118.1 - Homeless Students

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 5118.1, Homeless Students, to the Board for a first reading. Ms. Weber stated this policy was revised to comply with state law and that no comments have been received. There were very minor changes to this policy. This policy will go to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

V.C. FY19 Administrative Budget

Dr. Addley presented the FY19 Administrative Budget to the Board and encouraged the Board and the audience to take a budget book and read it as it actually tells a story and is not just filled with numbers. He stated he will be happy to answer any questions this evening or at next week's Budget Workshop. Dr. Addley reviewed the Board of Education Board Goals and explained that the budget book is written with these goals in mind. The BOF guideline for the FY19 budget is 3.85%. Dr. Addley reviewed the revenue received by the district including education cost sharing, the special education excess cost grant, tuition from other towns, pay-for-play, and building use fees. He reviewed the money given back to the town over the years and, in particular, the last 9 years. The BOE returned approximately \$205K on average to the town. Enrollment was discussed and it will drop approximately 187 students over the next 10 years. He discussed the projected class sizes for next year and informed the Board that he has requested 6 additional Open Choice students for next year in addition to the 9 Kindergarten students and stated this will also be an additional \$48K of revenue. He stated there is a possibility of adding 8 more students in Grade 1 and 8 more students in Grade 2, but he would need to add a teacher to do so. Dr. Addley discussed the per pupil expenditure for Granby and Granby spends less than 131 other towns in the state. For example, students who took the 2017 SAT, no other town in the state spent less than Granby and got better results for combined Math and ELA scores. Dr. Addley stated the FY19 appropriation request is 3.49% even though the BOF guideline is 3.85%. He stated the administrative team had to be very creative with this budget and approximately 6 positions have been cut. Reductions were made based on class sizes and declining enrollment. One of the big changes is in the coaching model. Some additions in staffing are an Enrichment Coach at the middle school and an Elementary Strings Teacher. Both of these positions have been advocated in the Plus One budget for a few years. A Reading Interventionist at Wells Road Intermediate School is also being added. This will free up special education teachers who are doing interventions during their prep periods. An Open Choice Social Worker is also being added and will be funded through the Quality and Diversity Fund. This position will assist with attendance issues and work directly with Open Choice students and all students as well. Dr. Addley reviewed some of the budget highlights including school safety, new courses, an Elementary Strings Program, Generations Mentoring Program, two (2) late buses, club stipends, and two (2) iPad carts at the primary school and replacement of Chromebooks for Grades 7 and 10. Small capital highlights were reviewed for transportation, building maintenance, furniture and fixtures, and technology.

Dr. Addley entertained questions from the Board. Melissa Migliaccio stated Board members should digest the budget and send any questions to Dr. Addley for discussion at the budget workshop next week. Mark Fiorentino inquired 1) what would the cost be (%) if the Kindergarten teachers were moved over to the operating budget and, 2) he requested a copy of the arts audit report.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

Rosemarie Weber stated this subcommittee has not met.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

Jenny Emery stated this subcommittee has not met.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Mark Fiorentino reported that CREC has not met; however, there is a meeting tomorrow regarding funding issues.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

Jenny Emery reported the GEF has not met since the last meeting and Board members should consider sponsoring a team.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Melissa Migliaccio noted the Day on the Hill rescheduled date on March 15th as well as the PTO and PAC Meetings where the budget will be presented.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

Brandon Webster announced Happy International Women's Day today.

VI.E. Action Items

There were two action items: 1) Copy of audit report; and, 2) Cost (%) for each Kindergarten teacher if moved out of the Q&D Fund.

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Brandon Webster to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session to discuss a security matter. This motion passed unanimously at 8:47 p.m.