

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes
May 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present Board Members: Jenny Emery, Lynn Guelzow, Mark Fiorentino, Melissa Migliaccio, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber, Brandon Webster (via telephone), 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

- Welcome to members DECA along with their advisor, Jeff Stanwood, here to present to the Board this evening.
- Thank you to members of the public for supporting the FY19 budget. When the budget passes it allows the district to plan for the following year. The hiring process is going well, hired a PPT Out-of-District Coordinator and looking to fill a couple of elementary classroom positions as well as the strings position.
- Students are doing a great job thus far with testing. AP testing starts next week.
- Congratulations to Mark Fiorentino's team, Them Apples, who won the GranBee. This is always a good community event and well supported.
- All end-of-year activities are well underway. Follow the website for more information.
- Registration for summer school is going extremely well with 100 students signed up thus far. The violin class is extremely popular.
- Kindergarten registration is up two students from last week at 87. The projection is 101.
- The Washington, DC trip departs May 22nd and Nature's classroom will be held May 30-June 1.
- There will be a Kindergarten workshop and family recess held at Kelly Lane this week.
- Next Tuesday is Teacher Appreciation Day. This is a special day to recognize the teaching staff. Nurse's day is on Wednesday, May 9th.
- The Board will need to look at the date for the Board Meeting on June 20th.
- Members of the UConn talented and gifted program visited this week.

I.B. Student Representative Reports

- This past Saturday, Charlotte McMillan, Malik Atkinson Woodward, Bennett Rodriguez, Jordan Rijkse, and Sarah Cusano attended the Harvard Vision Global Health Conference which focused on how inequalities in access, quality and income affects the health care system. Sarah Cusano stated it was an opportunity to watch many different speakers and students presented case study projects. She stated it was a wonderful experience and reiterated for her the field she would like to enter.
- Sports records: Boys' lacrosse is 9-3; girls' lacrosse is 10-2; girls' tennis is 7-0; boys' tennis is 5-3; golf is 1-2; softball is 11-0 and baseball is 9-2. Baseball had their game this past Saturday at the Yard Goats stadium which was an amazing experience for the players and fans.
- AP testing begins next week on Monday the 7th until May 18th.
- Prom is on May 18th at The Riverview.
- The Senior Outing will be held on May 25th at Boulder Ridge.
- On Sunday, May 6th, Nate Orluk and Maddie Attianese will be recognized at the CAS Scholar Athlete Banquet.
- The Concert of Hope will be held on Friday. Money raised will be donated to a family in the school system.

I.C. Teaching & Learning

Mr. Jeff Stanwood, Business Teacher at the high school, along with student DECA members Jenna Dauria, Marile Marzo, Jacob McDonald, David Migliaccio, Owen Plourde, Andrew Quagliaroli, Jillian Thrall, and Joseph Wix presented to the Board after attending the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. A video of the conference in Atlanta was shown. Students introduced themselves and explained what DECA is to the Board. In the fall, there is a freshman orientation and the first event is the fall leadership conference. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, hospitality and management. In March, students attend the State Career Development Conference and if students place at the state level, they get an opportunity to go to the international conference. DECA is now looking for a new officer team and planning for the following year. Students shared what DECA has done to help them decide their career paths and explained how it also gives them real-world experience. With regard to next steps and future goals, the DECA club would like to recruit quality members and students who want to participate. They hope to raise awareness of the club in the community by fundraising to aid growth and offset costs. Students would also like to promote this club at the middle school level. There are 31 students currently involved in DECA.

I.D. Annual Technology Report

Mr. Jon Lambert, Director of Technology, presented the Annual Technology Report to the Board. He shared some new technology with the Board called Google cardboard and showed a video. Mr. Lambert reviewed the FY18 highlights and accomplishments, such as, replacement of existing technology, upgrades and improvements. He stated the wireless connections and speed have been great for the 1:1 program, Chromebooks and the SBAC testing. Some of the things the department accomplished this year are an on-line registration program and upgrade of Windows 7 to Windows 10. With regard to FY19, Mr. Lambert spoke about the purchase of two new iPad carts; 16 security cameras (4 cameras per building); anonymous alert software for bullying prevention; elementary coding software for Wells Road; and, an Interactive LED at the high school for a social studies course. Mr. Lambert discussed the challenges for his department such as cybersecurity and internet capacity; the increase of technology use and devices supported; and, emerging technologies. Lynn Guelzow inquired about Chromebook breakage at the middle school. Mr. Lambert stated there is a bit of damage throughout the year; however, the purchase of a 3-year insurance plan has worked out well. She also inquired how many 3D printers are in the district. Mr. Lambert stated approximately 6-8 but he can get back to her with the exact number. Jenny Emery inquired if technology is part of NEAS&C review and, if so, what new ideas be learned from it. Dr. Addley stated, yes, under Community Resources and yes, it could be as far as a standard for instruction or infrastructure. Jenny Emery also inquired about a status on intra town cooperation. Mr. Lambert stated he sent a proposal back to the town and that is where it stands. Dr. Addley stated he met with the Town Manager yesterday to try to get a status update. Dr. Addley thanked Mr. Lambert stating his department does tremendous work for the district.

II. Public Comment

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Minutes

III.B. International Field Trips

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Sarah Thrall to adopt the consent agenda. The Board discussed the approval of the International field trips for the 2018-2019 school year to Spain and France in April 2019. Dr. Addley stated the French exchange has unfortunately ended so there is a new partnership for next year. The new program will be more cost effective and will include trips to Normandy. International travel has been a characteristic of the district. Jenny Emery inquired why

Farmington handed this over to Simsbury. Dr. Addley stated he will look into this. Lynn Guelzow inquired how many students go on the trips who cannot afford them. Dr. Addley stated most students who attend can pay at least some portion of the trip and there are processes in place to assist those who cannot. Brandon Webster questioned why there was a cost difference between the two trips. It was explained that for one of the trips, students stay with host families, therefore the cost savings. This motion passed unanimously at 8:16 p.m.

IV. Old Business

IV.A. Third Reading of Revised Policy 5113 - Attendance

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 5113, Attendance, to the Board for a third reading and approval. Rosemarie Weber stated she has not received any comments. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber that the Granby Board of Education adopt revised Policy 5113, Attendance, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. A second to this motion was not made as some changes may be necessary. This policy will be presented at the next board meeting with any necessary changes shown.

V. New Business

V.A. Healthy Food Certification - Healthy Food Option

The Board considered the approval of the Healthy Food Certification for the 2018-2019 school year. A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Mark Fiorentino that the Granby Board of Education implement the healthy food option for the 2018-2019 school year. Jenny stated the Finance Subcommittee has agreed to this healthy food option in prior years. This motion passed unanimously at 8:20 p.m.

V.B. Healthy Food Certification - Exemption for Food Items

The Board discussed the exemption for food items under the healthy food option of the Healthy Food Certification for the 2018-2019 school year. A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Mark Fiorentino that the Granby Board of Education allow food exemptions under the Healthy Food Certification for the 2018-2019 school year. Jenny Emery stated this is consistent with last year practices. This motion passed unanimously at 8:21 p.m.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

This subcommittee met this evening. Rosemarie Weber reported on the Assistant Superintendent's Monthly Report highlighting the professional development regarding enrichment. There was a lot of discussion around a new identification process consistent with the Renzulli program the school has been engaged in – will visit the UConn Center of Gifted and Talented. Summer academy enrollment is strong. Principal Dunn spoke about the NEAS&C Self-Study. The May 29th professional development day the final report will be reviewed. The visiting committee will visit the high school on September 23rd and there will be reception which the Board will be invited to. Also discussed three draft policies which will be moved on to the Board: 1) Directory Information (new policy); 2) revised policy on truancy (language changed based on state statute); and, 3) revised nondiscrimination policy (change in definition in footnote). Sarah Thrall reviewed the new text for Chinese and it has been approved. One member of the public commented on rigor at the middle school. This will be followed up with the Subcommittee. Mark Fiorentino stated he would like to see the NEAS&C Report at the Board Retreat.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

This subcommittee has not met.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Mark Fiorentino reported CREC has not met since the last meeting.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

The GranBee was a huge success. Jenny Emery stated there is a meeting on grants this Friday. She also informed the Board she will be able to attend the GEF meetings again since she no longer has a conflict on Monday evenings. Dr. Addley stated Linda Touchette is the new teacher representative replacing Cindy Garrey who is retiring. Jenny Emery informed the Board about the Granby Tribute Program where awardees get mentioned in *The Drummer* stating it is a nice way to recognize someone and say thank you at the end of the year.

VI.B.3. Start Time Study

Dr. Addley stated there is a taskforce committee of approximately 10 people. He thanked Lynn Guelzow for volunteering. There will be one pre-planning meeting in June and monthly meetings will kick off in September. Mark Fiorentino stated some districts have learned that sports are still a conflict even though endorsed by the CIAC.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Melissa Migliaccio stated the high school band concert is Thursday night. She will attend the high school PAC meeting on May 7th and Mark will attend the middle school PAC meeting on May 9th.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

There were no Board member announcements this evening.

VI.E. Action Items

Contact Farmington about exchange program.

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

There was no need for an Executive Session this evening. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Lynn Guelzow to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber
Board Secretary