

**Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes**  
**June 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room**

Present Board Members: Lynn Guelzow, Mark Fiorentino, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber, Brandon Webster, and Maddie Attianese (Student Representative).

Absent Board Members: Jenny Emery, Melissa Migliaccio and Sarah Cusano (Student Representative)

Mark Fiorentino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Administrative Reports**

**I.A. Superintendent's Announcements**

- A big thank you to members of the community and students participated in the “Fill a Public Works Truck” at the end of May. Schools did a tremendous job filling the Granby and Hartland food pantries.
- There was a Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting on Monday night for the appropriation for additional funds for special education and the BOS was in favor of it. The Town Manager revised the motion to say the appropriation would cover up to \$71K. This item has moved to the Board of Finance on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The hiring process is going terrific and we have received tremendous candidates. Recently hired the Middle School Enrichment Coach.
- Called the Governor’s Office today regarding Public Act 18-89, An Act Concerning Classroom Safety and Disruptive Behavior, which states parents would be notified of a disruptive student via communication by a teacher. Student’s rights are violated with this Act and it also violates our most marginalized students. Dr. Addley stated he has asked for our legislators’ support.
- There are many events going on around the district from Capstone projects to family nights to concerts and performances. Thank you to Board members who attend these events.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade concert will be held tomorrow night at Wells Road.
- The first meeting of the start time study will be held on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 p.m. Regular meetings start in the fall.
- A chess club tournament will be held next week at Wells Road.
- The District will recognize a 25-year employee and six retirees at a luncheon on Monday. Congratulations to Lori Armentano, Sue Bush, Elaine Chagnon, Cindy Garrey, Ellen Godiksen, and Chuck Washer.
- A ceremony was held yesterday for 7 teachers who graduated from the Teacher Leadership Academy.
- A childcare survey and letter was sent to elementary parents for day care provided on-site at one of the schools either before or after school. This is also an equity issue as some programs we have are held before and after school.
- Congratulations to Meaghan Leonardi for receiving the Susan Patricelli Fine Arts Scholarship.
- Congratulations to Benjamin Gottsche and Noah Kroninger for receiving the Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar Leader Award for the middle school.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, DC and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Nature’s Classroom trips went well. Thank you to the staff who chaperone.
- Registration for summer school is approaching 200 students.
- Kindergarten registration is approximately 93 students. Anticipate this settling down around 100, which would mean approximately 17 students in a classroom.
- There are many activities going on at all of the schools this month. See the website for details.
- Graduation will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- An abbreviated Finance Subcommittee and Board Meeting will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board Retreat and facilities tour will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **I.B. Student Representative Reports**

- Meaghan Leonardi held an art show and raised \$615 for the scholarship and sold \$300 worth of art.
- Underclassmen awards will be held tomorrow 1:00 p.m.
- Senior awards and scholarship night will be held on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The Top 10 Luncheon will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Hopmeadow Country Club.
- Science Night for Kelly Lane students was held May 31<sup>st</sup>. AP students ran the event and 150-200 students participated.
- Maddie Attianese thanked the Board for funding the Chemistry in Art program. She stated students had a great experience and were able to work with clay, glass and bead making.
- NHS is currently fundraising for Puerto Rico.
- Athletics report: Boys' LAX in state finals and girls softball in semifinals against St. Joseph's.

### **I.C. Annual Curriculum Report**

Mr. Christopher Tranberg, Assistant Superintendent, presented the annual Curriculum Report to the Board. Mr. Tranberg discussed the board goal of rigorous and diverse curriculum and stated a lot of the focus has been on writing and, specifically, in the following areas: Primary reading and writing; primary math; next generation science standards; NEAS&C priorities; and, new courses. The instructional focus this year was on feedback to students and arts programming improvements. With regard to the achievement goal of writing for the district, 93% of grade 2 students are ending the year at or above grade level; 93% of Grade 5 students; 96% of all middle school students made at least one year's growth on writing assessments; and 90% of graduating seniors met grade level benchmarks on the Capstone essays. Mr. Tranberg reviewed some of the highlights of one of the Board goals, professional capital of staff, including NEAS&C self-study; Eureka math; NGSS lesson development; and, work with literacy and writing consultants. Mr. Tranberg explained to the Board after being in the position for one year how he would like to forward the strategic focus, which he had broken down into four areas: Equity Taskforce; personalized professional learning; tiered intervention; and enrichment steering committee. He stated instructionally the district needs to spend a little more time in tiered intervention and will be revisiting the intervention plan. Brandon inquired if the achievement gap will be presented again in the fall. Mr. Tranberg stated, yes, it would as well as testing data later on. Lynn Guelzow inquired about SBAC results. Mr. Tranberg informed her the window will close on Friday but it has been delayed due to the storms that occurred. Results may come out in June.

## **II. Public Comment**

There were no public comments this evening.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **III.A. Minutes**

### **III.B. Food Services Contract Amendment**

A motion was made by Brandon Webster and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to adopt the consent agenda. The Board discussed the food service contract amendment. Lynn Guelzow inquired why the feeding days were different at the middle and high school. Dr. Addley stated this is due to more half days at those two schools. Ms. Guelzow also inquired if there is anything in place for students who receive free and reduced lunch on half days. Dr. Addley stated schools make sure this is covered. He informed the Board the District is on a 5-year contract with Sodexo with 2 years remaining and stated the Finance Subcommittee approved this amendment at their last meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 7:32 p.m. with one abstention (Brandon Webster) for Item III.A. Minutes.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **IV.A. Second Reading of Revised Policy 5113.2 - Truancy**

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 5113.2, Truancy, to the Board for a second reading. Rosemarie Weber stated she has not received any comments on this policy and it will go forward to the Board for a third reading and approval at the next meeting.

##### **IV.B. Second Reading of Draft Policy 5145.15 - Directory Information**

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended draft Policy 5145.15, Directory Information, to the Board for a second reading. Rosemarie Weber stated she has not received any comments on this policy and it will go forward to the Board for a third reading and approval at the next meeting.

##### **IV.C. Second Reading of Revised Policy 5145.4 - Nondiscrimination**

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 5145.4, Nondiscrimination, to the Board for a second reading, which reflected a change from the first reading. Rosemarie Weber stated she has not received any comments on this policy and it will go forward to the Board with the changes accepted for a third reading and approval at the next meeting.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **V.A. Superintendent's Annual Report**

Dr. Alan Addley presented the Superintendent's Annual Report to the Board and summarized some of the highlights of the year relating them to Board Goals as outlined in his Annual Goals presented in the fall of 2017. He stated this year has been characterized by a few things: uncertainty of a budget; student safety concerns with the Florida shooting; nice levels of student achievement; Equity Taskforce; writing focus; challenges in the budget with transportation and health costs; and, the redeployment of administrators. Dr. Addley stated there is a lot of coherence around the Board goals and the work the district is doing. Highlights under each goal as follows: *Goal 1--Increase in student achievement:* SAT scores; focus on writing with over 90% of students in each school making growth; the District's Equity Taskforce; and District achievement. *Goal 2--Professional and Personal Leadership:* Dr. Addley stated he is proud of the way Granby students handled the events of the Parkland, Florida shooting this year and that it was handled very well; the District was recognized as a high-performing professional learning community by Solution Tree; and, the District continues to work with CREC closely as well as look at regionalization efforts. *Goal 3--Community Outreach and Involvement.* Board members promote positive communication relations through attendance and participation at community events. *Goal 4--Instruction & Curriculum:* Continue to work with UConn to increase student performance in writing; NEAS&C self-study; PK-8 curriculum; Algebra I recommendation coming from the Math audit; administrators focused this year on creating the conditions for innovation; Granby is a founding member of the Connecticut Schools of Innovation; and, additional STEAM student programming. *Goal 5--Business Matters:* Transition of administrators; improvements in minority recruitment; successful budget with a small operating budget increase; BOE plan to share technology services with the town; Virtual Net Metering; and, secured almost \$1M for a safety and security grant. Mark Fiorentino commented that every year challenges seem to get more difficult, yet, we can always do better. He stated Dr. Addley and the staff deserve a lot of credit and the creativity shown during the budget process was impressive. Good work.

## **VI. Miscellaneous**

### **VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports**

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

Rosemarie Weber stated this subcommittee met this evening and discussed the Summer Enrichment Academy's increasing registrations and income; wellness day at Wells Road; a brief preview of the Boardwalk and the focus on math across the district; professional development that took place on May 29<sup>th</sup>; the shift of the coaching model to a student model; and, the Generations Mentoring Program (5 mentors are being trained). The Reunification Plan was also reviewed and was well executed off-site. Discussed a rollout of an app called StopIt! (an anti-bullying app geared for anti-bullying and student safety). The Board will hear more about this at the Board Retreat. Monday is the kick-off to the Start Time Study Taskforce. A sneak preview of the annual curriculum report was given. One policy was reviewed regarding live animals. This recommended policy has CABE language and addresses issues of students who want to bring in anything from a service animal to pets into the classroom. This policy will stay in subcommittee.

#### **VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities**

This subcommittee has not met but will meet briefly on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the statement of accounts.

### **VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports**

#### **VI.B.1. CREC/CABE**

CREC/CABE has not met since the last Board Meeting.

#### **VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation**

### **VI.C. Calendar of Events**

Brandon Webster stated he attended the PTO meeting last night and they set the budget, which is close to this year's budget. The PTO is looking for volunteers for various subcommittees. If anyone is interested, reach out to Beth Cherubino. Mark Fiorentino stated the Boardwalk and Retirement Luncheon is on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI.D. Board Member Announcements**

There were no board member announcements.

### **VI.E. Action Items**

There were no action items to report this evening.

## **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 couple of personnel matters. This motion passed unanimously at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber  
Board Secretary