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GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Granby, Connecticut
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes
(subject to approval)

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 15-B N. Granby Road, via the Zoom Meeting Platform and live on the GCTV network.

PRESENT: Board members: Monica Logan, Donna Nolan, Heather Lombardo, Liz Barlow, David Peling, Ed. D, and Andrew Billig. **ABSENT:** Ann Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Cheri Burke, Assistant Superintendent Jenn Parsons, and Director of Finance and Operations - Nickie Stevenson.

Call to Order and Welcome:
Board Chair Monica Logan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson's Report:
Chair Logan reviewed important context regarding Board of Education meetings, noting that the Board convenes to receive reports from the Superintendent, approve budgets and contracts, and conduct necessary business to ensure Granby Public Schools operate effectively. She emphasized that Board meetings are business meetings held in public, not public hearings.

She also briefly reviewed the legal standards surrounding FOIA and the requirement to follow the posted agenda after public comment. Residents may contact and engage with Board members via email or other means outside of business meetings and may also provide comments at that time.

Public Comment:

1. Mike Kramarenko, 150 Notch Road, Granby - (In-Person) He expressed concern about a teacher allegedly promoting a political agenda through the use of *Newsweek* magazine and assigning a book he described as sexually explicit. He was encouraged to contact the building principal and/or the Superintendent to discuss these concerns, as public comment is not the appropriate forum for personnel-related matters due to confidentiality considerations. Mr. Kramarenko also raised concerns regarding student discipline on school buses, stating that bus drivers are being "rage baited" by students, who are not listening and are failing to remain seated. He concluded by questioning why the Board is requesting an increase in funding compared to last year if there is approximately $1 million remaining from the prior year's budget.

2. Lynn Krauss, 20 W. Granby Road, Granby - (Zoom) She stated she was in full agreement with Mike's statements and his comments on the money and spending. She expressed frustration and a lack of support from the Board.

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Student Representative Reports:
There were no student representative reports this evening.

Reports and Discussion:

- **Granby Public Schools Enrollment Projections Report:**
    - Pat Gallagher from MP Planning Group presented the Enrollment Projections Report to the Board of Education. Click **HERE** to view the report.
    - Superintendent Burke mentioned that this was a very in-depth report, and it's a lot to digest, so please contact her if you have any questions, and she can reach out to Pat Gallagher from MP Planning.

- **Special Education Programming Report:**
    - Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Kate Weingartner, along with Jen Miller and Tracy Smith, Special Education Department Chairs, presented a Special Education Programming Report to the Board of Education. Click **HERE** to view the presentation.
    - Kate fielded questions presented to her by the Board. Specifically, David Peling asked where we are in comparison to three years ago. And also staffing needs are a huge concern. There are simply not enough candidates to go around. It has become a statewide issue. Kate mentioned that they redeploy and redesignate the current staff to fulfill the needs.

Business Requiring Action:

- **Director of Finance and Operations Report:**
    - Nickie Stevenson, Director of Operations and Finance, presented the January 2026 Budget Expense Report. Click **HERE** to view the report.
    - On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Liz Barlow, the January 2026 Budget Expense Report was approved.

- **February 4, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes:**
    - On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Liz Barlow, the February 4, 2026, meeting minutes were approved. David Peling abstained.

Board Standing Committee Reports:

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication - This committee will meet on Wednesday, March 4th, at 5:30 PM at the Board of Education Central Office.

- Finance/Personnel/Facilities— This committee will meet on Monday, February 23rd, at 5:00 PM at the Board of Education Central Office.

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Other Board-Related Reports:

- CREC/CABE - Chair Monica Logan shared that CABE is offering a variety of seminars. All information is available on the CABE website. If you are interested in attending any of these, please contact Superintendent Burke.

- Granby Education Foundation - The Foundation met last night, and they approved a grant for a Music Series for Seniors. Liz stated that they have such great energy on the Board, and with the new members, there is a lot of excitement within this group.

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Burke reminded everyone that the upcoming meetings will focus on the budget. The March 4th Board meeting will include the presentation of the proposed budget. The March 11th meeting will be a budget workshop, and the March 18th meeting will serve as the formal budget meeting and wrap-up, at which time the budget will be presented to the Board for a vote. All meetings will be posted on the district website and in BoardBook. They will also be live-streamed on GCTV, and members of the public may attend in person or participate via Zoom.

Action Items:

- A few items to follow up on were the following:
    - Achievement data
    - Cost year to year for staffing/cost per pupil

Adjournment:

On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by David Peling, the Board of Education adjourned with all in favor, no discussion, at 9:04 pm.

Submitted by:
Elizabeth Barlow
Secretary, Granby Board of Education

Recording by:
Michelle L. Crowley
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent