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GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Granby, Connecticut
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes
(subject to approval)

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 15-B N. Granby Road, and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Board members: Vice Chair Heather Lombardo, Donna Nolan, Ann Woods, David Peling, Ed. D, Andrew Billig and John Limeburner.

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

Call to Order and Welcome:
Board Vice Chair Heather Lombardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson's Report: Heather Lombardo, Vice Chair

- The BOE has received Chair Monica Logan's resignation. Heather thanked her for her five years of service, wished her well, and said she will be greatly missed.
- We welcome our new member to the Board - John Limeburner. He was appointed to a vacated seat. He is a Granby resident, has a second-grader at Kelly Lane, and is a certified educator at the Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle Magnet School.
- On Monday, the Town Budget took place and was voted down for the second time. The BOF met last night to provide the dollar amount that the BOE will need to further reduce.
- A motion was made by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods to amend the agenda to include a discussion of the FY 27 reductions to be included as part of Reports and Discussion.

Awards and Recognition:

- **CASBO 2026 Rising Star Award Nomination**
    a. Nickie Stevenston was nominated for the CASBO 2026 Rising Star Award. She is appreciated for everything she does for our school district and is a valued member of the CASBO organization.
- **CABE Leadership Awards:** The CABE Leadership Awards recognizes students for their distinguished school leadership. Congratulations to the following students:
    a. Granby Memorial Middle School recognized Connor Morad and Xyanne Wilson.
    b. Granby Memorial High School recognized Catherine Shine and Madison Schantz.

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Student Representative Reports:

- Madison's Updates:
  Spring sports are up and running.
  - Girls' softball had a big win over Northwest.
  - Track is off to a great start - many students qualified for state times.
  - Both boys' and girls' tennis teams are doing fantastic.
  - Also, lacrosse has had some significant wins as well.
  - Another great club that has excitement is the ultimate frisbee team.
- Sophia's Updates:
  Here are all of the fun events coming up in the next few weeks:
  - The high school chorus is heading to Broadway for a field trip this coming weekend.
  - Choir concert on May 21st.
  - Senior outing on May 26th.
  - GMHS Senior Prom on May 15th.
  - Senior Awards on June 2nd.

Reports and Discussion:

- FY27 Budget Discussion – (This item was voted on at the beginning of the meeting to be added to this section.) Superintendent Burke addressed the Board and stated that, given the magnitude of the additional $300,000 reduction, she cannot make immediate decisions and must be careful and thoughtful in the process. At this time, she does not have specific programs or positions identified at the individual line-item level. She is currently gathering information and evaluating the operational, contractual, and legal impacts, including requirements mandated by state and federal law.

- CABE Policy 5144.12 – Restorative Practices is coming out of the Policy Subcommittee and was presented to the Board for a first read. Please send any questions to either Jenn Parsons or to Dave and Andrew, who serve on this committee. The policy will return to the agenda for further review at the May 20th Board meeting. This is a required State of Connecticut policy.

Business Requiring Action:

- **Minutes: April 1, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.**
  On a motion by Donna Nolan, seconded by Ann Woods, the April 1, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes were approved. John Limeburner abstained.

Board Standing Committee Reports:

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication:
  This committee met this evening and discussed NEASC district accreditation, Civil Rights Compliance, and there was a Strategic Planning Preview.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities:
  This committee will meet on May 20th at 5:30.

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Other Board-Related Reports:
CREC/CABE - No Updates.

- Granby Education Foundation - Andrew Billig gave an update: GEF is looking to help fund a percentage of the Innovations space at the high school to help students with their college and career pathways.

Public Comment:
Please note that the following are brief summaries of each individual's statement. To hear the full public comments and view the meeting in its entirety, please refer to the link above.

1. Mike Kramarenko - Granby Resident - Expressed concerns about the following:
    - GMMS and a lack of communication
    - SRO having a conflict of interest
    - Discrepancy of $19,000 funds
    - Would have liked an additional $500,000 cut from the budget
    - Wants clarification of an expelled student's return

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Burke shared that she was voted in to become HASA's treasurer - she will be serving on their Board of Directors.
- Many celebrations this month - Teacher Appreciation Week, School Nurse Day, School Bus Drivers, and School Lunch Hero Day.
- The next Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20th, at 7:00 pm.
- Superintendent Burke stated that she cannot discuss individual student behaviors or discipline matters. She also clarified that the School Resource Officer (SRO) reports directly to Chief Sansom, as the SRO is a Granby Police Officer. The SRO regularly reports back to the Chief and will meet with the Superintendent, along with the Captain and Chief, to discuss State-mandated reporting.

Action Items:

- There are no action items at this time.

Executive Session:
On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by David Peling, the Granby Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for discussion and possible action concerning the Superintendent's contract. Attorney Tom Mooney was invited to attend the session.

Executive Session concluded at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment:
On a motion by David Peling, seconded by Andrew Billig, the Board of Education adjourned, with all in favor, no discussion, at 9:11 pm.

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Recording by:
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