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# GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
## Granby, Connecticut
## Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
## Regular Meeting Minutes
*(subject to approval)*

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, June 3, 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, John Limeburner, and Joel Danke.

**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.

**Business Requiring Action:**

- **Election of Chair -**
  On a motion by Andrew Billig and seconded by Ann Woods, Heather Lombardo was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of Board Chair.
- **Election of Vice-Chair -**
  On a motion by Heather Lombardo and seconded by Donna Nolan, David Peling was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of Board Vice-Chair.
- **Election of Secretary -**
  On a motion by Andrew Billig and seconded by Donna Nolan, Ann Woods was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of Board Secretary.

**Chairperson's Report: Heather Lombardo, Chair**
Heather introduced the newest Board member, Joel Danke, and expressed her pleasure in having a full Board in place. She announced that the next Board of Education meeting will be held on June 17. Heather also noted that a Board Retreat will be scheduled during the summer and stated that she looks forward to working with all Board members.

**Awards and Recognition:**
Bethany Grupp was recognized for receiving the **Embrace Collaboration Award** from the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) in recognition of the successful partnership between Granby Public Schools and the Open Choice Program.

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**Student Representative Reports:**
Superintendent Burke recognized Sofia Brenson for her service as the Senior Student Representative. She thanked Sofia for providing updates to the Board and wished her continued success, congratulating her on her upcoming graduation and her plans to attend Central Connecticut State University as a nursing student in the fall.

**Sophia's Updates:**

- Softball is entering the second round of states.
- Baseball is wrapped up.
- Graduation is June 11th at 5:30, and the safe grad party will follow at the YMCA.
- Seniors had finals this week, and the underclassmen will have their finals next week.
- Senior awards were last night.

**Reports and Discussion:**

- **Schools in the Spotlight - Granby Memorial Middle School:**
  Principal Heather Tanis and her student presenters, Aubrie, Raegan, Chu, and Ariyo, presented to the Board. Please click **HERE** to view the slide presentation or click on the link above to view the live presentation.

- **FY 27 Budget Update:**
  Superintendent Burke reviewed the $300,000 budget reduction summary with the board. There was a line-by-line review of the reductions, along with the opportunity for discussion and questions following each section. Click **HERE** to view the budget reduction summary that was presented to the board.

- **Superintendent's Annual Report:**
  Superintendent Burke presented the **Granby Public Schools 2025–2026 Year in Review**, highlighting key accomplishments, initiatives, and milestones from across the district during the school year. Board members were provided an overview of the district's progress and achievements. Click **HERE** to view the presentation that was shared.

**Business Requiring Action:**

- **Minutes: May 20, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting:**
  On a motion by Donna Nolan, seconded by John Limeburner, the May 20, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes were approved. (Joel Danke abstained)

**Board Standing Committee Reports:**

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication: This committee met tonight. Please click **HERE** to view the agenda and attachments.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities: No Updates.

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**Other Board-Related Reports:**
CREC/CABE: No Updates.
Granby Education Foundation: No Updates.

**Public Comment:**
*Please note that the following summaries are intended to provide a general overview of each individual's remarks and are not verbatim transcripts. To hear each public comment in full and to view the complete meeting, please refer to the link above.*

1. Brittany Davis - 88 Northwoods Rd. - She had questions concerning the funds from the State as to when and how they will be used. Then she requested a brief conversation with the board members after the board meeting.

2. Beth Carroll - Quail Lane - She stated she was displeased with the budget cuts. The budget presentation was not definitive enough from the beginning. She will be following up with the board on the year-end balance for July and the state statutes on contracts.

3. Maureen Eberly - Silkey Road - She asked about the status of EastConn and the three boards. She mentioned she had sent Heather Lombardo an email containing 12 budget reduction suggestions and expressed her willingness to meet and discuss those recommendations. She stated that residents can't afford the taxes and that the BOE needs to look carefully at how to spend the money.

4. Mike Kramarenko - 150 Notch Road - He spoke about an incident involving his daughter and other children at Granby Memorial Middle School. He expressed concerns regarding student safety and stated his belief that the school has not adequately protected students.

**Superintendent's Report:**
Response to some questions posed during Public Comment:

- All funds received from the State will be attributed to the Town of Granby and are expected to be received in October or November. The Board of Finance has indicated that a portion of these funds will be used to offset the taxpayer mill rate, with any remaining funds available for allocation at the discretion of the three boards. No decisions have been made at this time, and discussions are ongoing. As these are one-time funds, they cannot be used to support ongoing operating expenses.

- EASTCONN is one of the potential vendors being considered. The project will be a collaborative effort among the three boards and will include a review of both the Town of Granby and the Board of Education operations. The selected third-party consultant will conduct an audit of workflows and organizational processes and will provide recommendations to the joint board for consideration.

- A tech department can not certify state reports - it's illegal.

- The Superintendent expressed concern regarding what she described as significant misinformation and inaccuracies being circulated throughout the district, particularly on social media. She emphasized the importance of addressing these issues and requested the Board's support in helping ensure accurate information is shared with the community. The Superintendent also noted that confidential personnel and student matters cannot be discussed in a public Board of Education meeting. As a result, certain information cannot be disclosed or discussed in that setting.

**Action Items:**

- There are no action items at this time, however it was discussed to continue the conversation regarding the definition of bullying, the reporting process, and also the appeal process that is available to families.

**Executive Session:**

On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods, the Granby Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 9:42 p.m. for discussion concerning the Superintendent's evaluation. Executive Session concluded at 9:56 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Ann Woods, seconded by Joel Danke, the Board of Education adjourned, with all in favor, no discussion, at 9:56 p.m.

Recording by:
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