

GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Granby, Connecticut
Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 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: Liz Barlow, Heather Lombardo, David Peling, Ed.D., Ann Woods, and Andrew Billig. **ABSENT:** Monica Logan, Donna Nolan

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

Call to Order and Welcome:

Vice Chair Lombardo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chairperson's Report:

Vice Chair Lombardo reviewed the important context regarding when the Board of Education meetings occur and that the board convenes to listen to reports from the Superintendent, approve budgets and contracts, and handle necessary business tasks to ensure Granby schools run effectively. Board meetings are not public hearings but rather business meetings that are held publicly. She briefly reviewed legal standards surrounding FOIA and the need to follow the posted agenda following public comment. Residents may contact and engage with board members via email or other means outside business meetings, and may also make comments.

Public Comment:

1. Audrey Lampert (PFlag) - 120 Loomis St., N. Granby - She commended teachers and the Board of Education for the inclusion of the LGBTQ community in health lessons and described the importance of cultivating empathy, as research shows it reduces aggression and bullying.
2. Beth Carroll - Quail Lane, Granby - She addressed her concerns over any additional costs, if any, that would arise from the School Climate legislation, and asked how our existing staff impacts bullying and student behavior. She also questioned the spending on our SRO program.

Student Representative Reports:

There were no reports this evening. Both representatives were absent from the meeting.

Reports and Discussion:

- **School Climate Legislation Update:** Asst. Superintendent Parsons presented the School Climate Legislation update to the Board of Education. To view the full presentation, click [HERE](#).
 - Q- Superintendent Burke- are there additional costs for this program, as this legislation is an unfunded mandate from the state?
 - A- Ms Parsons stated that we have not hired additional staff and are doing 99% of this work with current staff. Some districts have hired staff for these programs.
 - Q- Ann Woods- Do the data on bullying incidents indicate the number of students involved or the number of incidents?
 - A- Ms Parsons stated that the data are on the number of students involved OR the number of incidents. Each student in each incident counts as 1 in the tally. There may be multiple students in one incident or one student in multiple incidents.
 - Q- Andrew Billing- How is the DESSA survey administered?
 - A- Ms Parsons stated that it is given three times yearly. K-8 is for teachers only. Grades 9-12 teachers and students are surveyed. Students are flagged for intervention based on their scores.
 - Q- Ann Woods- How are we measuring progress?
A- Ms Parsons stated that it is based upon DESSA data, behavioural data, attendance data, discipline, MTSS/IEP progress
 - Q- Dave Peling- Is there anything on the climate surveys we should incorporate into the strategic plan?
A- Ms Parsons stated that building administrators are already using the data toward their building school improvement plans.
- **Parent Square Update:** Megan Siegal presented the ParentSquare update to the Board of Education. To view the full presentation, click [HERE](#).
 - Superintendent Burke noted that this program was a cost savings as this one program replaced several prior programs that were more costly.
 - Q- Ann Woods- What is the future community use for the app?
 - A- Ms Siegel stated that we are beginning to use “guest” accounts for out-of-district families to receive updates, and in the future, community members who are not parents will have the option to sign up for relevant communications.
- **CPPAC Update:** Chris DeGray and Superintendent Burke presented the CPPAC update to the Board of Education. To view the presentation, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). (This information is also posted on the front page of the Granby Board of Education website.)
 - Superintendent Burke described the history of the project and that former Superintendent Addley had requested funding in the past for upgrades and ongoing maintenance that were not funded.
 - Q- Liz Barlow- Is there any evidence of increased injuries with concrete underneath fields?

- A- Chris DeGray/Sup Burke- not that we know of, but we will look into it.
- Dave Peling stated that the CPPAC committee has been an education and there are many competing town interests, and the BOE will not be able to fund everything on our list.
- Sup Burke commented that we are unsure of the cost to add bathrooms; an old estimate was done, and this has been on the district “wishlist” since 2006
- Q- Ann Woods- What about reimbursements from the state?
- A- Sup Burke- The town has access to different funds for the SBP projects. We can apply for grants for school construction projects, such as the middle school, but not for the track specifically.
- Q- Ann Woods- Are other town boards looking for additional sources of revenue for our tax base?
- A- Heather Lombardo- Yes, they are aware of this need.
- Discussion occurred around the possibility of collaborative fundraising for this project, possibly for the bathroom.

Business Requiring Action:

- **Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes:** On a motion made by Liz Barlow, and seconded by Andrew Billig, the November 5, 2025, minutes were approved. Members voted in favor with no discussion, with David Pelig abstaining.
- **Approval of the 2026-2027 Granby District Calendar:**
 - Superintendent Burke reviewed the calendar and described moving the start date/end date based on feedback from the BOE and faculty.
 - On a motion made by Ann Woods and seconded by Liz Barlow, the 2026-2027 Granby District Calendar was approved. Members voted in favor with no discussion at 8:35 pm.

Board Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication—This committee met this evening, and they discussed and approved the new English electives, the curriculum review cycle, and the statistics textbook decision was tabled until next month’s meeting.
- B. Finance/Personnel/Facilities— This committee will meet on December 17th at 5:30 at the BOE Central Office conference room.

Other Board-Related Reports:

- A. CREC/CABE - No update to report.
- B. Granby Education Foundation - No update to report.

Superintendent’s Report:

- A huge Thank You to the maintenance crew working around the clock to clean up from the snowstorm.

- The next Strategic Plan Community feedback session is tomorrow, Dec. 4th, at 6:00 pm. Details are on the website.
- The next BOE meeting will be on Dec. 17th at 7:00 pm.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Ann Woods and seconded by David Peling, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session for a student discipline matter at 8:58 pm.

Action Items: Board members will send comments and questions on the climate data, the strategic plan, and feedback on budget priorities to Superintendent Burke before the board retreat.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ann Woods and seconded by David Peling, the Board of Education adjourned with all in favor, no discussion, at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by:

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Secretary, Granby Board of Education

Recording by:

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