

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes
June 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present Board Members: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Melissa Migliaccio, Rosemarie Weber, and Brandon Webster (via telephone).

Absent Board Members: Sarah Thrall

Melissa Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. Administrative Reports

I.A. Superintendent's Announcements

- Congratulations to all of our top scholars and to the entire senior class. It was a lovely night and it was a very distinguished, classy graduation. Thank you to the parents who participated in the safe graduation event as well as to the business who support it.
- Closing ceremonies was held last week. Gave a final goodbye to our retirees. The new Board Community Volunteer Award was given to Rita Isaacson from *The Granby Drummer*; Lori Major received Staff Member of the Year Award; Shannon Branda received the Thomas DiCorleto Outstanding Service Award; and, Dr. Heidi MacDonald was named our Teacher of Year.
- The next meeting for custodian negotiations will be held on June 25th at 10:00 a.m.
- Hiring is going well. We still have 2 Kindergarten positions to fill.
- Christopher Tranberg is leaving today with some staff members for Pre-AP training.
- Mr. Mark Winzler, Interim Superintendent, will be in district tomorrow.
- Attending a meeting at the Department of Administrative Services tomorrow.
- Summer programs begin next week with Drama and Robotics.
- Preliminary SBAC scores have been received but are embargoed until August.
- New Wells Road Principal, Pauline Greer, visited last week and met students, staff and spent time with Dr. Bailey. She will officially start July 1st and will send out dates to meet with the community.
- The 20,000-gallon oil tank at the high school was successfully removed without incident.
- Thank you to Sarah Thrall for attending the "From the Ground Up" ceremony last week. A number of Granby seniors graduated and received an award from the state.
- Established an additional section in Kindergarten with one less section in Second Grade.
- The Board of Selectmen established three building committees for the projects.
- Dr. Adley stated his last day in the District will be next Friday, June 28th. He said he will remember Granby fondly after spending 21 years here and he wished the District much success.

Melissa Migliaccio stated she received the official authorization from the state for Mark Winzler to act as Interim Superintendent in Granby.

I.B. Business Manager's Report

Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, presented the May statement of accounts and stated the BOE shows an unfavorable forecast of \$346K down from \$371K last month. Special education expenditures are unfavorable \$694K and regular education expenditures are projected to be favorable \$348K. Based on the April 2019 financial results, the additional appropriation to cover the unfavorable forecast was approved for up to \$371K. The Quality & Diversity Fund shows a favorable forecast of \$40K. This favorable forecast had some savings in magnet and vocational school tuition and was offset by the addition of two regular education TAs in Kindergarten. Excess cost funding to the town is level with a small change in pay-for-participation lower by \$1K. The town is expected to receive just under \$950K along with the additional revenue the BOE has generated which was around \$390K. Jenny Emery stated the Finance Subcommittee reviewed the statement this evening and thanked Anna with Alan's oversight in managing the budget this year and also thanked the BOS and BOF in keeping track and already approving making up the shortfall in unexpected special education costs.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments this evening.

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Minutes

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Jenny Emery that the Granby Board of Education adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed at 7:12 p.m. with one abstention (Lynn Guelzow).

IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

V. New Business

V.A. Superintendent's Annual Report

Dr. Alan Addley presented his Annual Report to the Board and stated his report follows the goals that were set in the beginning of the year. He thanked his team at Central Services as well as his teaching staff and support staff. He stated the year began with the NEAS&C accreditation, passing a budget at 4.99% and also the referendum for the projects and working with policymakers to get the support from the community. A lot of work was done with the Equity Taskforce and Dr. Addley stated he is happy to see progress in some of the indicators. Dr. Addley thanked the Late Start Time Study Taskforce once again for all the work that was done. SAT and SBAC scores have been released and are in good shape. It was a challenging year but the needle was moved in a number of areas by instituting some nice programming for students. Melissa Migliaccio stated Alan's professionalism and attention to detail is much appreciated and it is very fulfilling when expectations are met. Jenny Emery asked Dr. Addley if there are any areas that he would emphasize for the Board to keep in mind that did not end up where he hoped would end up. Dr. Addley stated that was a good question and said performance of the high-performing students would be one area. He stated he believes that a healthy class size and ratio is very important going forward and needs to be managed and he would love to see more opportunities with outside agencies and stronger relationships with business and college and career readiness opportunities. Lynn Guelzo thanked Dr. Addley for everything he has done, specifically, getting the referendum passed with a wide margin and making sure the community understood the projects. Mark Fiorentino stated the Board will not be able to completely replace Dr. Addley but that he leaves us in a good place instilling a desire for all of us to do more. He also inquired if Dr. Addley sees anything in his report that would need attention through the transition that he would not want the Interim Superintendent, Mark Winzler, to lose sight of. Dr. Addley stated he would give this some thought. Rosemarie Weber stated she was thankful for the addition of the Enrichment Coach, Shirley Cowles, at the middle school and how the programs she put forward have brought the critical thinking piece to our students.

V.B. First Reading of Draft Policy 6159, Individualized Education Program

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended draft Policy 6159, Individualized Education Program, to the Board for a first reading. Rosemarie Weber stated the Subcommittee reviewed this policy and it was kept in subcommittee for an additional look to have it reviewed by our attorney regarding statute. This policy will go forward to the Board at its next meeting on September 4th.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

This Subcommittee has not met.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

Jenny Emery stated this Subcommittee met this evening to discuss year-end spending and urgent projects. Things seem to be in relatively good shape. Shannon has done a great job this year. There was also a robust discussion regarding the two school projects. A lot of work needs to be done. The Department of Administrative Services' funding has new rules on the BOE's involvement.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Mark reported he attended a recent meeting. CREC will be doing a back-to-school block party and he gave the Board a flyer on the event. He stated there was a brief legislative debriefing and there was a pretty good session regarding regionalization, teachers' pension and classroom safety. These issues will not go away but attention still needs to be paid to them.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

Jenny Emery reported there was a year-end meeting she was not able to attend. She inquired if any BOE members are interested in attending GEF meetings in her place it would be appreciated.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Melissa Migliaccio stated there is no Board Retreat scheduled for August this year. Since the Board will be meeting for the Search Committee, she feels a retreat should be scheduled when a new superintendent is hired. Jenny Emery stated she is interested in having a facilities tour at the beginning of the year and Mark Fiorentino agreed especially due to the school projects.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

There were no Board member announcements this evening.

VI.E. Action Items

1) Date for a facilities tour; and, 2) Any items for Alan to highlight before he leaves.

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Lynn Guelzow to adjourn the regular meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber
Board Secretary