

**Regular Board of Education Meeting – Draft Minutes
December 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room**

Present Board Members: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino, Melissa Migliaccio, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber, and Brandon Webster

Absent Board Members: David Peling

Melissa Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Brandon Webster and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to add an agenda item after public comment concerning the purchase of jackets for the players on the fall state championship sports teams. This motion passed unanimously at 7:06 p.m.

I. Administrative Reports

Melissa Migliaccio thanked Mark Winzler, Interim Superintendent, for all he has done for the district during the transition between superintendents and that he has been a pleasure to work with. Jenny Emery presented Mr. Winzler with a parting gift of a snow shovel as a joke since all five emergency snow days were used while he was Interim. Ms. Emery stated Mr. Winzler will also receive a Granby Bears championship jacket to show he was at the helm when the teams won.

I.A. Business Manager's Report

Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, presented the November statement of accounts and stated the BOE shows a negative forecast of \$208K slightly which is higher than last month. Special education expenditures are unfavorable \$410K and regular education is favorable \$203K. Salaries and benefits are slightly favorable as well as the Quality & Diversity Fund. Town revenues reflect additional revenue of \$39K. Excess cost funding is lower than budgeted but favorable compared to last month. Remaining revenue items are expected to meet budget at this time. Jenny Emery stated fees were mentioned at the last Finance Subcommittee Meeting and fees will be increased for Pre-K to 3%. A minor adjustment in pay-for-participation fees was made in the family cap from \$375 to a \$400 family cap.

II. Public Comment

III. State Championship Jackets

A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Sarah Thrall that the Granby Board of Education fund the purchase of championship jackets for the state champion girls' soccer and field hockey teams at a cost of \$4,234.60. Melissa Migliaccio thanked Athletic Boosters who are funding the embroidery of the jackets. She also stated there is money in the budget for Board recognition activities so no special appropriation is required for this purchase. This motion passed unanimously at 7:12 p.m.

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Minutes

A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Rosemarie Weber that the Granby Board of Education adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed with two abstentions (Melissa Migliaccio and Mark Fiorentino) at 7:13 p.m.

IV. Old Business

IV.A. Third Reading of Revised Policy 4212.42 - Testing and Training of School Bus Drivers

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended Revised Policy 4212.42, Testing and Training for School Bus Drivers, to the Board for a third reading and adoption. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Sarah Thrall that the Granby Board of Education adopt Revised Policy 4212.42, Testing and Training of School Bus Drivers, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed unanimously at 7:14 p.m.

IV.B. Solar Building Project Committee Report

The Board reviewed the Solar Project Committee Report and discussed the approval of a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). A motion was made by Mark Fiorentino and seconded by Jenny Emery that the Granby Board of Education make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to discontinue consideration of the Solar Project. Mr. Fiorentino stated the Solar Committee continues to do the research and work to try to define the project and its scope. Through that process they learned a couple of things that were a little different than they thought as well as a couple of new things. One of the most significant things is the propping of the panels is not only on wetlands but also on vernal pools. The vernal pools almost certainly trigger Army Corps of Engineer jurisdiction and so the Committee asked the consultants to go back and look at the project. The project was then re-scoped and the report was given to the BOS. The best case scenario is now less than a third in size with the revised scope. The BOS held a public hearing on Monday evening and they accepted the same report. There were approximately 20 or more in the audience with an interest in this project. All of the people who spoke testified in favor of the BOS either discontinuing the project or sending it back out to the people in its revised scope. The BOS is scheduled to vote at their first meeting in January. Mr. Fiorentino stated it behooves the Board to make this motion and that it is time to discontinue the project and possibly look at other options or other paths. Ms. Emery stated she agrees with Mr. Fiorentino because the scope has dramatically changed and the Board will continue to look for these types of opportunities. The Solar Project Committee will put their energy into other options assuming they discontinue the project. This motion passed unanimously at 7:24 p.m.

V. New Business

There was no new business to report.

V.A. Teacher Retirements

The Board considered the approval of the following teacher retirements: Phil Livsey and Beth Spellman (effective June 30, 2019) and Rebecca Dantas (effective December 31, 2020). A motion was made by Jenny Emery and was seconded by Mark Fiorentino that the Granby Board of Education approve the retirements of Phil Livsey and Beth Spellman effective June 30, 2020 and Rebecca Dantas effective December 31, 2020. This motion passed unanimously at 7:25 p.m.

VI. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

Melissa Migliaccio stated there was no need for an Executive Session or Non-Meeting this evening. A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Jenny Emery to adjourn meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Weber
Board Secretary