

## GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Granby, Connecticut

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

### Regular Meeting Minutes

*(subject to approval)*

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 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: Monica Logan, Donna Nolan, Heather Lombardo, Liz Barlow, Ann Woods, and Andrew Billig. **ABSENT:** David Peling, Ed.D.

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

#### Call to Order and Welcome:

Board Chair Monica Logan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### Chairperson's Report:

Chair Logan 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 of business meetings and may also make comments.

#### Awards and Recognition:

The following students were recognized for their participation on the GPS branding committee:

- Cameron Pletcher - Grade 11
- Sophia Violet Tillona - Grade 11
- Camryn Santa - Grade 11
- Kevon Harris - Grade 12
- Joseph Lewie - Grade 11
- Gabriel Mensah - Grade 11

Each student was presented with a t-shirt with the new logo and a participation certificate.

To view the presentation Megan Siegel, Communication Specialist, presented to the Board of Education, click [HERE](#).

### **Public Comment:**

1. Elizabeth Doyle - 79 Stagecoach Road - She spoke in support of teachers and their professional judgment in selecting texts for the classroom, noting that they follow established reading guidelines and provide alternatives when appropriate. She emphasized the importance of continuing to trust our teachers.
2. Michelle Henry - 11 Farmview Lane - She shared her appreciation for the efforts of teachers and administrators to maintain open and transparent communication. She recognized the improvements in clarity, the consistent following of proper protocols, and stressed the importance of supporting students' social-emotional well-being in school.
3. Cathy Watso - 11 Evergreen Drive - She expressed her support for and appreciation of the curriculum, teachers, and administration, noting that the curriculum incorporates diverse perspectives and helps students relate to different viewpoints and ideas.

### **Student Representative Reports:**

Sophia Brenson reported on the following:

- Boys Basketball is having an impressive season so far.
- Track is prepping for states.
- Girls' Hockey plays Mercy on Saturday, and it's also their senior night as well.

Madison Schantz reported on the following:

- The spring musical - The Little Mermaid is scheduled for March.
- Coffee House Musical Cafe is going to be held on Feb. 21st at 7:00 pm.

### **Reports and Discussion:**

Athletics Director - Karl Gates presented a 2025-2026 Granby Public Schools Athletics and Activities report to the Board of Education. Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.

- Superintendent Burke stated that she wants to impress upon the board the strong leadership of Mr. Gates. He is putting in extra hours, our coaches respect him, and he is bringing up new ideas such as e-sports.

### **Business Requiring Action:**

- **Director of Finance and Operations Report:**
  - Nickie Stevenson, Director of Operations and Finance, presented the December 2025 Budget Expense Report. Click [HERE](#) to view the report. On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Liz Barlow, the December 2025 Budget Expense Report was approved.
    - Donna Nolan asked if the Open Choice funds received were what we expected. Nickie Stevenson answered yes- and we have extra funds budgeted, some unfilled positions, and also some budgeted expenses that have not been needed.
- **January 7, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes:**

- On a motion by Liz Barlow and seconded by Donna Nolan, the January 7, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Board Standing Committee Reports:**

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication - This committee met this evening. Please click [HERE](#) for the Assistant Superintendent's monthly report. Also, the committee approved the January 7th meeting minutes and discussed the Early Childhood Legislation updates.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities— This committee will meet on February 18th.

#### **Other Board-Related Reports:**

- CREC/CABE - Chair Monica Logan shared that CABE is offering a variety of seminars. All information is available on the CABE website. If you are interested in attending any of these, please contact Superintendent Burke.
- Granby Education Foundation - The Foundation elected a new board member. The Foundation approved a grant for a new trout tank for the Ecology Department.

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Burke expressed her gratitude to the Board for its support of CPPAC and extended thanks to Chris DeGray and Nickie Stenvenson. She noted that the team has been working diligently on the strategic planning process, with strategic planning work groups meeting every two to three weeks. She also shared that the budget planning process is well underway and the public is encouraged to attend the meetings. The February 18 meeting will include a presentation of enrollment data, March 4 will be the first presentation of the budget, March 11 will be the budget workshop, and March 18 will be the final meeting to approve the budget. She noted that our planned budget increase is the lowest number she has heard within CREC this year.

#### **Action Items:**

There were no action items presented to the Board.

#### **Adjournment:**

On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Andrew Billig, the Board of Education adjourned with all in favor, no discussion, at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by:

***Elizabeth Barlow***

Secretary, Granby Board of Education

Recording by:

***Michelle L. Crowley***

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent