

**GRANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
217 NORTH MAIN STREET
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
GRANTON SCHOOL CENTRAL GYM**

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Verification of Notice to Public
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Approval of Agenda

II. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion of Collaborative Proposal with the School District of Neillsville, including sharing spaces, courses for students, and co-op sports; No action will be taken.

III. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting notice may be supplemented in order to comply with Wisconsin's open meetings law. If this notice is supplemented, the final notice will be posted and provided to the media no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting or no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting, in the event of an emergency.

Granton Area School District Collaboration Proposal

Point #1

Music Teachers

- Working with Neillsville for band and choir last year gave our students and opportunity to be part of a larger group making their participation more meaningful.
- We have a teacher this year who will be teaching our K-12 students.
 - o We would like to have our teacher work with your teachers for middle/high school band and choir.
 - o We would like our teachers to select music together so that all the students could do concerts together.
 - o Granton is willing to transport our students to some practices before the performances so that all the students can hear the pieces together.
 - This would give more numbers to the groups
 - Would allow our music teacher to have some partners
 - o Would like to have a concert held in Granton.

Point #2

Technical Education

- Granton students are interested in Technical Education classes, equipment, and space for classes
- Request that our interested students be allowed to take tech ed classes part-time at Neillsville.
 - o Choose options for either morning or afternoon classes
 - o Would like the possibility of having our students stay to take 2 courses so that the transportation is more cost effective.

Point #3

Agriculture Education

- Granton Agriculture Teacher offers a variety of courses and would be willing to add interested students to these sections. (Courses may be different depending on the semester)
- Agriculture courses offered by our department
 - o Forestry – (3 levels offered) tree identification, management, and fire
 - o Landscape Management – design, maintenance, and installation
 - o Advanced Landscape Management – continuation of previous course
 - o Agricultural Affairs – controversial topics in agriculture
 - o Career Leadership – job interviews, resumes and cover letters, parliamentary procedure
 - o Natural Resources – soils, water, and conservation
 - o GPS/GIS – compass and navigation, legal land descriptions, geocaching
 - o Aquaculture – fish production, anatomy, raise tilapia in classroom
 - o Feeding America – food production, cooking
 - o Personal Leadership – public speaking and parliamentary procedure
 - o Ornament Horticulture – same content as General Horticulture
- Courses offered that also count for .5 credit of science
 - o Vet Science – body systems of animals such as reproductive, circulatory, and skeletal
 - o Food Science – chemistry of food and an overview of food production
 - o Plant Science – cells, plant anatomy, and plant care
- Dual-Credit Courses through Mid-State Technical College (grades 10 – 12)

- General Horticulture – greenhouse production, propagation, organize plant sale
- Fish, Forestry, and Wildlife – six weeks covering each topic: fish, forestry, and wildlife
- Going Green – alternative energy

Point #4

SMART Lab

- Granton offers a state-of-the-art SMARTlab space and would be interested in a partnership to expand STEM opportunities by offering the SMARTlab as a shared learning space where teachers can lead classes with students from both districts, fostering collaboration, innovation, and hands-on learning experiences.
- Provide educators with a flexible learning space that complements classroom instruction and allows students to extend learning through exploration, invention, and hands-on application.
- Provide students with hands-on, project-based and future-focused learning experiences in a customized SMARTlab environment where students can design, build, test, revise, and collaborate while inspiring creativity, innovation, problem-solving, and STEM exploration.
- Engage students in authentic STEM experiences through access to advanced equipment and innovative technology, including a 3D printer, a laser cutter, a desktop CNC machine, Padcaster with green screen technology, Pi-Top robotics kits, RoboMaster robotics, and drones.
- Explore emerging technologies and engineering concepts across all grade levels through hundreds of interactive learning kits focused on Mechanics & Structures, Communication & Media Arts, Scientific Data & Analysis, Environmental Technology, Circuitry & Electronics, Software Engineering, Manufacturing Technology, Robotics & Control Technology.

Point #5

Sports

- After next year, we would like to co-op all our sports with one district and would like you to consider this opportunity.
- We would be willing to hire coaches and pay for a portion of the programming based on the number of students who participate.
- Share an Athletic Director.

Point #6

Fieldhouse/Gym space

- Granton would be willing to host the elementary sports programs
- Practices could be scheduled earlier
- Would have space for weekend tournaments if needed
- Joint teams
 - Starting in 3rd grade have both districts' students together
 - Build relationships earlier and build skills earlier