

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 7:00 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room**

I. Administrative Reports

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{{RecommendedMotion}}

A. Chairman's Corner (5 min.)

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Rationale: Ms. Sarah Thrall, Board Chair, will share opening remarks.

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B. Track and Field State Championship Presentation (5 min.)

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Rationale: Track and Field Coach, Justin Piwonski, will present a State Championship banner and jacket for a track and field event.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

C. Assistant Superintendent's Report (5 min.)

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Rationale: Ms. Jennifer Parsons, Assistant Superintendent, will provide updates from the Assistant Superintendent's office.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

D. Business Manager's Report (5 min.)

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Rationale: Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, will present the May Statement of Accounts.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

II. Public Comment (20 min.)

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Rationale: Granby community engagement and attendance at BOE public meetings is welcomed. The Public Comment segment of the meeting agenda is set aside so the BOE may receive public comments. Procedurally, public remarks will be limited to about 5 minutes and citizens will be asked to identify themselves. Because the BOE is limited by the Freedom of Information Act to discussing only matters on the agenda, the BOE is not permitted to engage in a discussion of the comments presented.

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III. Consent Agenda (5 min.)

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A. Minutes

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Rationale: The Board will approve/amend the minutes of the June 7, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

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IV. Old Business

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A. Building Committee Update (10 min.)

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Rationale: Ms. Anna Robbins, Business Manager, will provide an update from the Building Committee.

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V. New Business

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A. 2023-2024 BOE Meeting Schedule

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Rationale: The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

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VI. Miscellaneous (20 min.)

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A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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1. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication

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2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

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B. Other Board-Related Reports

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1. CREC/CABE

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2. Granby Education Foundation

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C. Calendar of Events

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D. Board Member Announcements

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E. Action Items

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VII. Executive Session

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Rationale: The Board will enter into an Executive Session to discuss client/attorney privilege communication as well as the administrative position vacancy at Granby Memorial Middle School.

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VIII. Adjournment

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Jordan E. Grossman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Jennifer M. Parsons
Assistant Superintendent

Angela E. Ehrenwerth
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Anna M. Robbins, SFO
Business Manager

To: Granby Board of Education
From: Anna Robbins, Business Manager
Date: June 21, 2023
Re: Statement of Accounts as of May 31, 2023

As of May 31, 2023, the full-year forecast shows an anticipated overbudget condition of \$589K which is better than the previous month by \$115K. As the fiscal year comes to a close, we are able to more accurately estimate each budget line item.

The favorable forecast for regular education of \$116K is \$74K better than the previous month. Changes in instructional repairs and maintenance as well as software and textbooks contribute to the positive variance.

Although the forecast for Special Education and related service remains over budget \$705K, the variance from the prior month is favorable \$41K. Changes in contracted services, legal services and out-of-district tuition contribute to the favorable variance.

Revenue to the Town is projected to be favorable \$418K which is holding steady compared to last month. The full-year forecast for the Special Education Excess Cost Grant continues to be favorable and slightly higher than last month at \$358K. Special education tuition charged to other towns as well as regular education tuition billed continues at a \$58K favorable variance. The pay-for-participation forecast is \$2K better than budgeted. The special education tuition payment from Hartford is expected to be received before year end. The additional \$21K currently anticipated but not received in the Excess Cost Grant will be remitted to the Town in the FY24 ECS payment, assuming there are no audit adjustments.

The Quality and Diversity Fund is stable and continues to trend positively for this year and for the five-year forecast. The fund is projected to end with a balance of \$198K which is \$191K better than budget.

**Granby Board of Education
FY 2022-2023
Statement of Accounts
for the period ended
May 31, 2023**

Description	Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Expended & Encumbered	Budget Balance	% Enc/Exp	Full Year Forecast as of May 2023	This Month Forecast Compared to Prior Month
Certified Salaries:								
Administration	1,777,262	1,596,935	199,392	1,796,328	(19,066)	101.07%	(2,838)	0
Regular Education	11,229,373	8,635,692	2,342,292	10,977,984	251,389	97.76%	232,533	1,488
Special Education	1,927,823	1,518,481	340,072	1,858,553	69,270	96.41%	69,270	900
Total	14,934,458	11,751,109	2,881,755	14,632,865	301,593	97.98%	298,965	2,388
Substitute/Tutor/Support Salaries								
Substitutes	8,104	52,751	16,348	69,099	(60,995)	852.65%	(61,995)	(14,995)
Sped Support (Speech, O.T. & P.T.)	472,328	352,227	51,868	404,094	68,234	85.55%	70,770	1,888
Tech Support	270,682	237,250	34,199	271,449	(767)	100.28%	6,654	0
Tutors - Regular Education	38,147	19,553	2,866	22,419	15,728	58.77%	14,825	1,578
Tutors - Special Education	31,512	42,309	157	42,466	(10,954)	134.76%	(10,612)	552
Total	820,773	704,090	105,438	809,528	11,245	98.63%	19,642	(10,978)
Teaching Assistant Salaries:								
Regular Education TA	383,315	304,699	41,115	345,815	37,500	90.22%	45,810	1,032
Special Education TA	1,185,630	1,010,438	138,049	1,148,487	37,143	96.87%	67,636	(2,161)
Total	1,568,945	1,315,137	179,164	1,494,302	74,643	95.24%	113,446	(1,129)
School Secretaries' Salaries	652,233	587,813	89,168	676,981	(24,748)	103.79%	(0)	0
Central Office Salaries	592,062	524,331	85,165	609,496	(17,434)	102.94%	0	0
Custodial & Maintenance Salaries	1,365,601	1,205,185	171,681	1,376,866	(11,265)	100.82%	18,096	0
Bus Monitors	0	4,483	1,126	5,609	(5,609)		(5,107)	896
Salary Contingency	162,746	0	0	0	162,746		0	0
Total Salaries	20,096,818	16,092,148	3,513,498	19,605,646	491,172	97.56%	445,042	(8,824)
Employee Benefits	5,683,427	4,979,599	389,673	5,369,272	314,155	94.47%	7,000	12,000
Total Salaries & Employee Benefits	25,780,246	21,071,747	3,903,171	24,974,918	805,327	96.88%	452,042	3,176

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Purchased Services:								
Instructional Purchased Service	572,579	742,927	130,941	873,867	(301,288)	152.62%	(388,514)	5,054
Administration Purchased Service	478,778	445,179	24,008	469,187	9,591	98.00%	20,000	0
Maintenance Purchased Service	102,483	65,081	10,267	75,348	27,135	73.52%	10,000	10,000
Total	1,153,840	1,253,186	165,216	1,418,402	(264,562)	122.93%	(358,514)	15,054
Legal Services	55,000	28,457	26,543	55,000	0	100.00%	10,500	(5,500)
Repairs & Maintenance:								
Instructional Repairs & Maintenance	75,099	46,145	2,443	48,588	26,511	64.70%	20,000	20,000
Administration Repairs & Maintenance	8,500	0	0	0	8,500	0.00%	7,500	0
Maintenance Repairs & Maintenance	439,698	375,974	60,259	436,234	3,464	99.21%	(8,000)	0
Total	523,297	422,120	62,702	484,822	38,475	92.65%	19,500	20,000
Transportation:								
Transportation Regular Education	1,036,277	665,448	223,984	889,433	146,844	85.83%	130,581	6,035
Transportation Special Education	560,231	915,491	391,237	1,306,728	(746,497)	233.25%	(706,299)	312
Transportation Vocational Tech	112,925	65,186	43,643	108,829	4,095	96.37%	4,095	0
Total	1,709,432	1,646,125	658,864	2,304,990	(595,558)	134.84%	(571,623)	6,347
Insurance Property & Liability	109,200	111,264	0	111,264	(2,064)	101.89%	(2,064)	0
Communications	96,590	67,665	10,962	78,627	17,963	81.40%	18,716	956
Tuition:								
Tuition Special Education	2,198,793	1,917,819	347,271	2,265,091	(66,298)	103.02%	(87,743)	21,618
Tuition Adult Education	10,967	13,089	0	13,089	(2,122)	119.35%	676	1,399
Total	2,209,760	1,930,908	347,271	2,278,180	(68,420)	103.10%	(87,067)	23,017
Conference & Travel Expense	73,694	24,928	5,019	29,947	43,747	40.64%	41,214	0

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General Supplies:								
General Supplies Regular Education	333,165	265,058	18,871	283,929	49,236	85.22%	50,343	11,343
General Supplies Special Education	32,950	22,119	114	22,234	10,717	67.48%	10,611	1,111
General Supplies Administration	83,826	73,049	10,626	83,675	151	99.82%	1,000	(1,000)
General Supplies Maintenance	146,372	145,397	6,938	152,335	(5,963)	104.07%	(9,000)	6,000
Total	596,313	505,623	36,549	542,172	54,141	90.92%	52,955	17,455
Electricity	420,812	523,889	83,034	606,923	(186,112)	144.23%	(233,045)	6,863
Fuel/Natural Gas	213,782	182,916	24,570	207,486	6,295	97.06%	6,135	(161)
Textbooks/Workbooks	136,427	93,551	57	93,607	42,820	68.61%	42,820	4,820
Library/Media Center	63,019	61,377	795	62,172	847	98.66%	1,546	946
Software	388,354	403,649	0	403,649	(15,295)	103.94%	(15,635)	9,365
Dues & Fees	51,116	38,575	0	38,575	12,541	75.47%	12,541	1,541
Replacement Equipment:								
Replacement Equip Admin	2,500	5,502	0	5,502	(3,002)	220.08%	(3,002)	0
Replacement Equip Maintenance	6,000	0	0	0	6,000	0.00%	6,000	6,000
Total	8,500	5,502	0	5,502	2,998	64.73%	2,998	6,000
Student Activities	816,977	582,502	203,063	785,565	31,413	96.15%	18,000	5,000
Total General Fund	34,406,357	28,953,985	5,527,816	34,481,801	(75,444)	100.22%	(588,983)	114,878
							SPED	40,657
							GEN ED	74,221
								(704,662)
								115,680

May 2023

Quality & Diversity	Budget	Forecast	Better/(Worse) Than Budget
Opening Balance	140,683	223,522	82,839
Expenses	1,022,075	954,114	67,961
Revenue	889,000	928,910	39,910
Ending Balance	7,608	198,318	190,710

**Granby Board of Education
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May 31, 2023
For Selected Special Education Accounts**

II. Expenditures	FY22-23 Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Expended & Encumbered	Balance	Full Year Forecast May 2023	This Month Forecast Compared to Prior Month
Legal Expense	27,500	5,891	21,609	27,500	0	16,500	8,500
Special Education Certified Staff	1,927,823	1,518,481	340,072	1,858,553	69,270	69,270	900
Teacher Assistants	1,185,630	1,010,438	138,049	1,148,487	37,143	67,636	(2,161)
Special Education Tutors	31,512	42,309	157	42,466	(10,954)	(10,612)	552
Evaluation, Therapy & Contracted Services	101,478	198,896	46,459	245,356	(143,878)	(144,798)	7,686
General Supplies Special Education	32,950	73,049	114	73,163	10,717	10,611	1,111
Conference & Travel Expense	12,300	1,624	674	2,298	10,002	10,002	252
Sped Support (Speech, O.T., & P.T.)	472,328	352,227	51,868	404,094	68,234	70,770	1,888
Special Ed Transportation	560,231	915,491	391,237	1,306,728	(746,497)	(706,299)	312
Out of District Tuition	2,198,793	1,917,819	347,271	2,265,091	(66,298)	(87,743)	21,618
Total Selected Special Education Accounts	6,550,544	6,036,225	1,337,510	7,373,735	(772,261)	(704,662)	40,657

**Granby Board of Education
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I. Revenue	FY 2022-2023 Budget	Currently Anticipated	Received To Date	Full Year Forecast May 2023	This Month Forecast Compared to Last Month Forecast
Reg. Tuition from other Towns	698,153	699,189	699,189	1,036	0
SPED Tuition from other Towns	624,073	681,377	20,772	57,304	0
SDE Excess Cost Reimbursement	527,846	885,741	864,731	357,895	906
Rental Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
Pay for Participation	37,000	38,841	38,118	1,841	1,841
Sub Total	<u>1,892,072</u>	<u>2,310,148</u>	<u>1,622,810</u>	<u>418,076</u>	<u>2,747</u>

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Draft Minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present Board Members: Kristina Gilton, Monica Logan, Donna Nolan, David Peling, Whitney Sanzo, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber and Chase Alexander and Tess Bajek (Student Representatives)

Absent Board Members: None

Sarah Thrall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Administrative Reports

I.A. Chairman's Corner

Sarah Thrall, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting as well as those joining on Zoom and stated there are many end-of-year celebrations this week. She attended the Unified Sports celebration at Kelly Lane and congratulated Colleen Bava and her staff on the success of this program. Ms. Thrall shared that she also attended the high school award programs as well as the retiree/25-year luncheon.

I.B. Superintendent's Announcements

- Dr. Grossman welcomed everyone in attendance, online and via GCTV as well as to staff, students, administrators, and fellow board members.
- A statement was read regarding the video shown to Wells Road Students on June 1st: The district acknowledges that effective communication is the foundation of building trust and maintaining strong relationships with the school and community. The administration has heard from parents who voiced concern about some of the content in the video, parents who would have liked to receive notification regarding the video, and from parents who support the principal sharing the message with the students. With this in mind, the district will work to communicate more effectively in the future with our families as we move forward together to best serve our students and to continue to build a supportive and respectful environment for all, grounded in our Granby Public Schools' Vision of the Graduate to become powerful thinkers, effective collaborators and compassionate contributors.
- Congratulations to all of our high school students who received awards and scholarships last week at the Senior and Underclassmen Award Ceremonies and to community members who donated funds.
- The last family partnership event of the school year with Granby and Hartford families was held at Dunkin Donuts Stadium. Granby will work to continue growing this program in the next school year.
- The 8th Grade Washington trip went very well and students had a great time.
- There was a Culminating Ceremony for Unified Sports at Kelly Lane last week. Thank you to Sarah Thrall for attending. This program was very successful this year.
- The retiree/25-year luncheon was held today at Holcomb Farm Pavilion and the following retirees and 25-year employees were recognized. Retirees: Sue Alender, Kathleen Allen, Ann Boardman, Shirley Cowles, Dale Heller, Lori Hoeckele, Henrica Holden, Pamela Mitchell, and Linda Touchette. 25-year employees: John Bikowski and Laura Smith. Thank you to Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber and Kristina Gilton for attending this special event.
- The 8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony will be held tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium and, of course, high school graduation will be held on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m.
- Field Day for Kelly Lane School was cancelled today due to weather and is rescheduled to Monday.
- The College Explorations Summer Seminar will be held June 20-22 this year.
- There will be half days for all schools next week with the last day of school on June 14th.
- The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21st.

I.C. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Jennifer Parsons, Assistant Superintendent, shared current practices and comparisons of the new policy, Gifted and Talented Students Program, stating there is new legislation for districts to identify students who are gifted and talented. Granby is currently identifying students and a committee will be formed to look at current practices and revise them next year. If this policy is adopted, identification will need to occur at PPT meetings. Additionally, creative, visual and performing arts students will also be identified as gifted and talented. Presently, the district identifies students in 3rd and 5th grade and the new policy is Kindergarten through Grade 12. Ms. Parsons stated multiple measures will be used with the new policy; however, currently, a wide variety of sources are being used. Lastly, Ms. Parsons shared that services are offered to students who are identified and this policy will recommend using guidelines the state offers with regard to services. Granby will compare the services currently offered with the state guidelines.

I.D. Student Representative Reports

- Tess Bajek stated seniors will graduate on Friday with rehearsals tomorrow and Friday morning.
- Seniors will do a walkthrough dressed in their caps and gowns at Kelly Lane and Wells Road schools to see students and teachers.
- Congratulations to all seniors who won an award or scholarship last week.
- Tess thanked the Board for being able to serve as Student Representative the past two years.
- Chase Alexander stated exams start tomorrow with period 7 and 8 and conclude next week.
- With regard to sports, he stated all teams have officially concluded their season. Track participated in a state open last week and senior Jacob Shine won Class M discus competition and Aiden Barbee qualified for the New England competition with his 6th place finish in pole vaulting.

Sarah Thrall presented Tess with a gift from the Board and thanked her for her dedicated service to the Board of Education the past two years and read a brief description of what Tess was involved with in her time at the high school. Tess will head to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in the fall and will study Sociology.

I.E. Annual Technology Report

Mr. Jon Lambert, Director of Technology, presented the Annual Technology Report to the Board and thanked the department staff who provide a high level of technical support to staff and students. He reviewed the positions held of each department staff member as well as the areas of support. Mr. Lambert provided an update on security and disaster recovery stating improvements were made to the existing system storage and software systems; efforts to monitor and fend off attacks; implementation of a single sign on for several software applications; implementation of multifactor authentication for staff accounts; updated security camera software; raptor visitor management and screening software; and, participation in the district's Emergency Planning Committee. With regard to network infrastructure, networking equipment was updated to improve network speeds between school buildings. Additionally, with regard to software, Mr. Lambert stated several new software platforms were rolled out and replaced and migrated an Individual Education Plan software to the State CT-SEDS program. Projects and improvements for the department included assistance with the wiring and design of the new high school broadcast room and phone systems are all on one platform and can be centrally managed. Mr. Lambert described the technology replacement schedule and gave an update on the 1-to-1 computing program stating grades 6 and 9 were replaced this school year. The department also provides support for meetings and events as well as works closely with the Town of Granby for their technology needs. Mr. Lambert reviewed some FY24 initiatives for the department to train a new incoming Technology Support Specialist; further develop cybersecurity plans; set up and roll out new data management and assessment platform; and, install 44 new 75-inch interactive displays at the high school. Lastly, Mr. Lambert shared what is trending in technology education and emerging technologies with regard to STEM education; cybersecurity; Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality in Learning; digital learning tools, etc. The Board thanked Mr. Lambert and his staff for all they do for staff and students.

II. Public Comment

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Kristina Gilton that the public comment section of the agenda be amended to have public comments be no longer than 3 minutes in length and to extend public comment from 20 minutes to 30 minutes. This motion passed unanimously at 7:41 p.m.

Liz Barlow stated she is a Clinical Social Worker and is in full support of what the district does with regard to diversity and inclusion and stated she supports Ms. Pauline Greer.

Nick D'Amato stated he supports students of all walks of life; however, it does not give the right to impede on other people's rights. Mr. D'Amato continued beyond his 3-minute allotment which led to the following motion:

A motion was made by Whitney Sanzo and seconded by Rosemarie Weber for the Board to take a brief adjournment. This motion passed at 7:49 p.m. The Board rejoined the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Matt Brady stated he is the father of a transgender student at the middle school who has significant anxiety but is very fortunate to have an amazing group of friends, teachers and administrators. Mr. Brady was in favor of the video being shown to students.

Heather Lombardo stated she commends and is grateful for the video shown to students this week where the message was to accept students.

Nick Faraco stated he is a retired Guidance Counselor in Simsbury and has come across all types of students over the years. He inquired of the Board if this were 10 years ago, would we be here.

Jay Brown stated he is a Granby graduate and presently attends UConn. He stated the video would be useful to students and wished it was available when he was that age.

Nick Dethlefsen stated he is highly disappointed in parents' comments this evening and that the context in the video was specific. He stated there should be some sensitivity to other parents here this evening.

Ali Zafar stated he does not feel anyone in this room is advocating hate and that he had an issue with the video because he felt the video missed the mark on the message.

Kate Ciriello, a Wells Road parent, stated she supported Pauline Greer and the Wells Road school community and is in support of the video shown during pride month.

Cathy Watso stated more attention needs to be paid to motivations in our community. Culture wars divide people and are dangerous.

Mike Kramarenko stated he is disappointed in the Board and the school system for not notifying parents. These topics should be addressed at home and not in school.

Joe Wardrop stated he is disappointed but the Superintendent said going forward communication will be better. He also stated that Reading, Writing and Arithmetic should be taught in schools.

Alexis Chhabra inquired why the video was not shown last year and what makes this year different.

Britta Gotberg thanked Ms. Greer and hopes the BOE supports her. She stated she is grateful for Granby's inclusive school community.

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Minutes

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Monica Logan that the Granby Board of Education adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed unanimously at 8:21 p.m.

IV. Old Business

V.A. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy 6159 - Individualized Education Plan

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended revised Policy 6159, Individualized Education Plan (IEP), to the Board for a second reading and approval. Ms. Parsons stated she has not received any comments on this policy and this is an update to the transition goals which is a statutory change. A motion was made by David Peling and seconded by Donna Nolan that the Granby Board of Education adopt revised Policy 1659, Individual Education Plan, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed at 8:22 p.m.

V.B. First Reading of New Policy 6172.21 - Gifted and Talented Students Program

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended new Policy 6172.21, Gifted and Talented Students Program, to the Board for a first reading. A motion was made by David Peling and seconded by Kristina Gilton that the Granby Board of Education adopt Policy 6172.21, Gifted and Talented Students Program, as recommended by the Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee. This motion passed at 8:23 p.m.

V. New Business

V.A. Superintendent's Annual Report

Dr. Jordan Grossman presented his annual report to the Board and stated accomplishments and progress are only made possible with the efforts of the entire school community. Dr. Grossman reviewed the *Student Learning and Achievement* goal and stated he is very pleased overall with the student achievement of the Granby Public Schools. He stated this goal was accomplished by the administrative team working together to develop best practices for use during data driven decision making; collaborating with Teachers College for ELA and CREC for Math; and, researching and vetting new web-based software called EduClimber that can house historic and current data and analyze as student, class and grade level data. The *Community Engagement* goal was attained with guidance from the *Moving Forward Together Strategic Plan* adopted in the fall of 2021 giving benchmarks of where the district is going. The Board requested for all budget goals and requests to be tied to the strategic plan and that was accomplished. Additionally, regular levels of communication with the BOE, town officials and the community were maintained. The *Safety and Social Emotional Well-Being* goal was accomplished by partnering with East Granby and the FVHD to hold a series of community conversations around the safe use of technology, trends in drug use and prevention strategies, community mental health first aid, and suicide prevention. With regard to *Budget Development and Fiscal Management*, Dr. Grossman thanked Mrs. Angela Ehrenwerth and Mrs. Heather Tanis for leading a committee

that led to the development of a plan for potential alternative programming. Dr. Grossman stated he will work with the incoming Superintendent to present to the BOE in the fall a program for high school students in the 2024-2025 school year. He stated he is also proud of the upcoming transition program for 18- to 22-year-old students this coming fall to be held at the YMCA. With regard to enrollment it is looking good for the fall of 2023 but the district will continue to monitor this. Dr. Grossman congratulated Mrs. Anna Robbins as well as Mr. Shannon Sullivan and Mr. Michael Dunn on the completion of the building projects at the high school and obtaining the grants and implementing the work that needed to be done. Dr. Grossman also thanked the Granby Education Foundation for their \$100K donation for the new Broadcast Studio and the Board of Finance for covering the overage of expenditures in special education and for adopting the 5.08% FY24 budget. The *Embracing Diversity* goal was accomplished by the continued development of the Granby Public Schools' Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Plan; empowering the administrative team to lead; attending and chairing the Capitol Region PK-12 Safety and Emergency Management Committee; and, attending and chairing monthly State of Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity meetings.

Sarah Thrall thanked Dr. Grossman and recognized him for his service to the Granby Public Schools and wished him well in his new position. Donna Nolan thanked Dr. Grossman for leading the district through the pandemic and getting our students and staff back into school. Kristina Gilton stated she was on the Reopening Taskforce and knew from the first meeting that we had a Superintendent who was going to lead the district through a difficult time. Monica Logan thanked Dr. Grossman for the education he was able to give students the past couple of years as well as his support with regard to diversity and equity efforts. David Peling stated it was a blessing that he was in Granby during a very stormy period and Granby made gains during that time due to his efforts to keep students in school. Sarah Thrall echoed everyone's sentiments and stated she personally enjoyed working with Dr. Grossman and wishes him all the best.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

David Peling stated this subcommittee met this evening and discussed monthly meetings with the administrative team; met with interventions; replacing SRBI with MTSS; implemented EduClimber (student interventions); met with Math and World Language to talk about progression; hiring is well underway and nearly complete; recruiting of Choice students is going well; Teacher of the Year has been chosen and will be revealed at closing ceremonies; met with K-12 vertical teams; and, had a brief discussion of the summer academy and a conversation of holding off on strings lessons until 1st grade.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

This subcommittee has not met. Approved minutes are in the packet.

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

Kristina Gilton stated CREC Council meetings are done for the year.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

Whitney Sanzo stated a brief end-of-year meeting was held and there were no updates.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Sarah Thrall stated many end-of-year celebrations at all of the schools.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

Kristina Gilton stated that Luke Ranicar won the statewide Halo Award for his performance in Little Shop of Horrors. Additionally, Monica Logan thanked Tess Bajek for sharing her thoughts and opinions as a BOE student representative.

VI.E. Action Items

There were no action items this evening.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sarah Thrall and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Nolan, Board Secretary



2023-2024 Granby Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Following is a schedule of the Board of Education meetings for 2023-2024. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room (unless noted otherwise).

August 28, 2023 (Tentative BOE Retreat & Facilities Tour)
September 6, 2023
September 20, 2023
October 4, 2023
October 18, 2023
November 1, 2023
November 15, 2023
December 6, 2023
December 20, 2023
January 3, 2024
January 17, 2024
February 7, 2024
February 21, 2024
March 6, 2024
March 13, 2024 (Budget Workshop)
March 20, 2024
March 27, 2024 (Budget Workshop – If necessary)
April 3, 2024
April 8, 2024 (Public Hearing)
April 17, 2024
April 22, 2024 (Town-Wide Referendum)
May 1, 2024
May 15, 2024
June 5, 2024 (Retiree/25-Year Employee Luncheon)
June 18, 2024 (Tuesday due to the June 19th Holiday)

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication Subcommittee will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at Central Services.

The Finance/Personnel/Facilities Subcommittee will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at Central Services.

Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting – Approved Minutes
May 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Central Services

Present:

David Peling
Kristina Gilton
Whitney Sanzo
Sarah Thrall

Absent:

Jordan Grossman
Jennifer Parsons

Member of the Public: N/A

Meeting commenced at: 5:40 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:45 p.m.

1. Public Comment: N/A

2. Approve Minutes from the April 5, 2023 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting: A motion was made by David Peling and seconded by Kristina Gilton to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting. This motion passed.

3. Assistant Superintendent’s Monthly Report: Monitoring student assessments; monitoring progress towards new graduation goals; Dave Gunning concert sponsored by GEF; SEL Committee met; interviews for next year have started; Open Choice lottery is underway; Teacher of the Year process underway; district leadership met and reviewed progress; and, work has begun on new data platform.

4. Policies
 - New Policy 6148 – FAFSA Completion Rates: Tabled.
 - Revised Policy 6159 – Special Education: Moved to full Board.
 - New Policy 6172.21 – Gifted and Talented Students Program: Moved to full Board.

5. Social/Emotional Learning Update: Discussion of SEL practices and implementation across the district.

6. Other: N/A

A motion was made by David Peling and seconded by Kristina Gilton to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 6:45 p.m.



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

June 20-22	College Explorations Summer Seminar		
June 21	Finance Subcommittee Meeting Board of Education Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Central Services Town Hall Meeting Room
July 5-28	ESY Summer School		Kelly Lane
July 10-28	Summer Enrichment Programming	8 a.m.-10 a.m. & 10:15 -12:15	Kelly Lane
August 28	Meet & Greet for Grades PK-6 Freshman Orientation		See website for details
August 29	First Day of School!		
Sept. 6	Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Board of Education Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Services Town Hall Meeting Room