

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7:00 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room**

I. Call to Order and Welcome

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II. Awards and Recognition

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III. 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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IV. Reports and Discussion

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A. Update on Superintendent's Goals for 2023-2024 (15 min.)

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Rationale: Superintendent Cheri Burke will provide an update on the communication and student achievement goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

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V. Business Requiring Action (5 min.)

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A. Minutes

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Rationale: The Board will approve/amend the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

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VI. Committee Reports (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. Superintendent's Report (5 min.)

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Rationale: Ms. Cheri Burke, Superintendent, will provide district updates.

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VIII. Chairperson's Report (5 min.)

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Rationale: Ms. Monica Logan, Board Chair, will share remarks.

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IX. Adjournment

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Future Innovators Club



Future Innovators Club

2024



Partnership providing opportunities at multiple levels on the community

GMHS



Wells Road





Mission

Our Future Innovators Club is comprised of fourth graders interested in engineering, figuring out how things work, improving on a process, and computer science. This club provides opportunities for students to work together to solve short term engineering challenges using teamwork, creative problem solving, pattern recognition, perseverance, and more! High school mentors lead this club along with a high school computer science teacher and support from two Wells Road Teachers.





2024 Innovation Club Schedule

SESSION	DATE	LESSON
1	1/23/2024	Stepping Stones
2	1/30/2024	Index Card Towers
3	2/6/2024	Slow Race
4	2/13/2024	SNOW DAY
5	2/27/2024	Roof Over Head
6	3/5/2024	Unstable Bridges
7	3/12/2024	Computer Simulation
8	3/19/2024	Robotics Team Demo / Celebration



Mentor Feedback

I've experienced **leadership, mentoring, and communication skills** by helping lead some sessions. As a mentor, we could offer guidance when they were stuck in a challenge, steer them towards a new solution than what they have come up with, and help them identify what went wrong and what they could do to make it better.

I have learned how to **better communicate** to the kids that failing is okay and that it is all right to restart.

I enjoyed the whole process, from the start, where we had to **plan out the sessions** and **prepare materials needed to execute the program**, and **present the challenges to the kids**.

Seeing them **struggle through it and work together to solve engineering problems** made me realize how lucky it is for them to be exposed to these kinds of activities, as it also allows them to grow early on.





Mentor Feedback

It gave me **experience working with kids which is what I was looking for going forward looking at a teacher.** It gave me a better idea of what it's like to try and get kids to follow a lesson. That was the most challenging part for me.

The best part for me was **seeing the kids' faces when they succeeded at a task or even failed but still found joy in the process,** it was nice seeing they could find happiness in learning.

This experience helped me grow as a high schooler because of how **I stepped out of my comfort zone.** This experience allowed me to interact with people more, and **it brings me joy when I can help someone else.**





HighLights



Superintendent's Goals

May 1, 2024

Goal 1: Student Learning and Achievement

Improve student achievement, academic performance and opportunity at all grade levels and for all ability levels and decrease achievement gaps on the path to college and career readiness.

Superintendent-Specific Goals:

100% of students will demonstrate growth toward mastery of Science, ELA and Math as measured by performance at the proficiency level or higher on state summative assessments.

Goal 1: Student Learning and Achievement

Proficiency targets for 2023-2024 summative assessments are:

- 80% of students will meet the proficiency level for literacy as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessment in grades 3-8 and PSAT/SAT in grades 9-11.
- 70% of students will meet the proficiency level for math as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessment in grades 3-8 and PSAT/SAT in grades 9-11.
- 80% of students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will meet the proficiency level as measured by the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment.

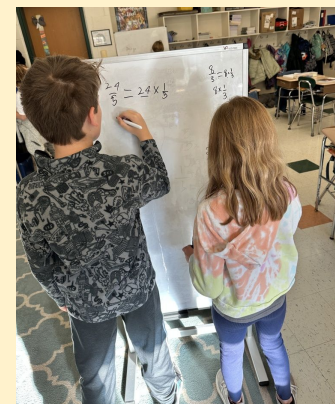
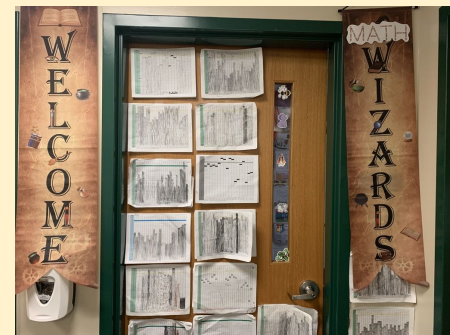
Focus on Student Learning and Achievement

- Shared message to all faculty throughout the year “All Kids Can”
- Administrative team engaged in book study *Think Again* by Adam Grant
- Work to grow internal instructional leadership of District Leadership Team
- Emphasis on student-centered data to inform instruction
- Professional learning community (PLC) meetings focused on analyzing student work and goal setting
- Math work on vertical surfaces to make thinking visible
- District focus on meaningful practice and feedback
- Launched EduClimber and DNA to administer assessments and monitor student progress over time
- Advocated for math intervention teacher at GMMS in the fall



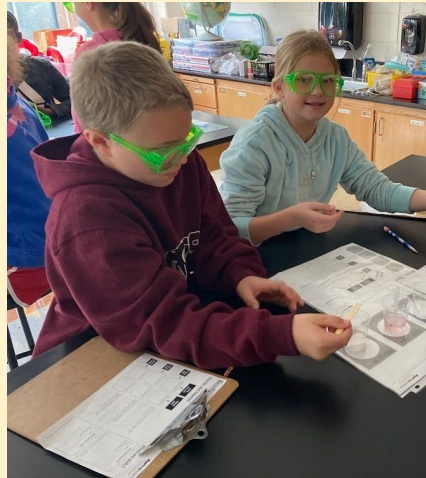
Target on Student Individual Growth

- Individualized and small group instruction within the classroom
- Students taught to set goals and track their own progress
- Collaborated across service providers and classroom teachers
- CT-SEDS aligned Planning and Placement Team (PPT) and 504 meetings to establish and monitor targeted student needs
- Instructional coaches worked with teachers to design differentiated student practice opportunities and student support plans
- Planful use of IXL and other online practice tools to reinforce learning and skills
- Utilized Instructional Specialist positions to oversee and coordinate Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Developed common assessments aligned to SAT at the secondary level
- Increased support for student mental health and behavioral needs at all levels.



Data Presentations to BOE

- ➔ May 15, 2024 Meeting: PSAT and SAT
- ➔ June 5, 2024 Meeting: K-8 Summative Assessments
- ➔ Fall of 2024: Smarter Balanced and Next Generation Science Standards



Goal 2: Community Engagement

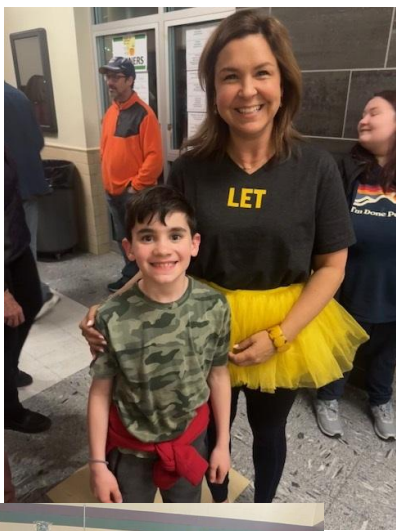
Enhance communication and build trusting relationships with all stakeholders.

Superintendent-Specific Goals:

Developed a District Communications Plan responsive to the needs of Granby Public Schools and all relevant partners and groups. Relevant partners and groups included students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff, community members, and local businesses and organizations.

Worked with a Communications Consultant to develop and implement this plan and accomplished each of the following components:

- Assess current practice
- Survey groups
- Connect with focus groups
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Determine priorities and recommendations
- Create communications plan
- Implement and evaluate plan



*We believe **effective two-way communication** with all district audiences promotes trust and supports a positive environment for teaching and learning.*



COMMUNICATION PLAN GOAL #1:

Provide information that **audiences are seeking** in an an easy-to-find, engaging, concise, and understandable format.



Superintendent Burke

WELLS ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Concert Band Orchestra Jazz Band Chorus General Music

There is so much music happening at Wells Road!

Check here to find rehearsal and performance dates, contact information for our music teachers, instrumental lesson schedules, helpful links, etc.



KELLY LANE EBLAST

APRIL 5, 2024

THIS WEEK - HAPPY APRIL!

Spring break is coming, enjoy the time with your families. Kindergarten registration is open, please make sure to register if you haven't started the process yet. Now, as we look forward to a well-deserved break, I encourage you to take this opportunity to unwind and indulge in activities that bring you joy and rejuvenation.
Wishing you all a wonderful and restful Spring break!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Residents of the town of Granby and members of the school community are invited to nominate a Granby teacher for selection as the Granby Teacher of the Year. The teacher selected will represent the district for the 2024-25 school year.

For information regarding eligibility requirements and the nomination process, please refer to the following [Nomination Form](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

April 8-12th
No School!

April 25th -
Granby Spirit Day!

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT THE BOE

2:15

Home

Granby Public Schools

Feed

about 4 hours ago • U.S News Best High Schools

2 days ago • Recording of Superintendent's Community Conversation - 4/23/24

4 days ago • Suicide Prevention Workshop May 2nd.

8 days ago • Please come out and support our Leo Club students and GMHS Senior EL...

Events

Apr 30
07:10 AM - 07:25 AM
NHS Meeting
rm. 3221

Apr 30
02:30 PM - 03:00 PM
Horticulture Club

Menu

LIVE FEED



Cheri Burke

GRANBY MEMORIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS

for

Today (Wednesday, May 1st) ▼



V Boys Golf v. Coventry
Home - Copper Hill Golf Course
2:45 p.m.

[DIRECTIONS](#)

[FULL SCHEDULE](#)

V Boys Outdoor Track v. Rockville, Somers
Away - Rockville High School-Rockville Track
3:45 p.m.

[DIRECTIONS](#)

[FULL SCHEDULE](#)

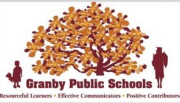
JV Boys Tennis v. Avon
Home - Granby Memorial High School-Tennis Courts
4:15 p.m.

[DIRECTIONS](#)

[FULL SCHEDULE](#)



Superintendent_burke



Thursday, February 22, 2024
9:00 a.m.
via ZOOM

Join Superintendent Burke for a Community Conversation

- 2025 Budget Proposal
- District Goals
- Special Education Update
- Q & A

Contact Linda Powell at Powelll@granbyschools.org
for meeting link.

REMINDER:
NO SCHOOL TOMORROW
Teacher Professional Development Day
for Granby Public Schools
Tuesday, April 2, 2024

GMHS Students off to
Spain
¡Buen viaje!

CPAC
THE GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION BY:
THE CONNECTICUT PARENT ADVOCACY CENTER

**THE ABC'S OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:
UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS**
Parents of children with disabilities will learn how to become more active participants in their children's education. This session will include information on:

- Evaluations
- Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meetings
- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Dispute resolution

For questions or more information please contact us at 860-739-3089 or email us at cpac@cpacinc.org

Workshop Information:
DATE: January 8, 2024
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Register here:
<https://bit.ly/3szLgPt>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
PROPOSED FY2025 BUDGET**

Please stay informed of the budget process by clicking the QR code below for up-to-date information on the Granby Public Schools FY25 budget.

www.Granbyschools.org

*SHOULD CHOCOLATE MILK BE SERVED
IN SCHOOL?*

I had a great time visiting Mrs. Janssen's writers today at Wells Road School to share the outcome of their persuasive writing to argue if chocolate milk should be served in schools or not!

**GMHS/GMMS
PAC MEETING**

Monday | March 11, 2024
6:30PM
At GMHS Cafeteria

Please join Superintendent Cheri Burke at a combined Parent Advisory Meeting to learn about the FY25 budget.

There will also be a Q&A session.

**SOCIAL MEDIA &
INTERNET SAFETY**

PRESENTED BY
TROOPER FIRST CLASS JAMES WHITE

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:00pm
Granby Memorial High School Auditorium

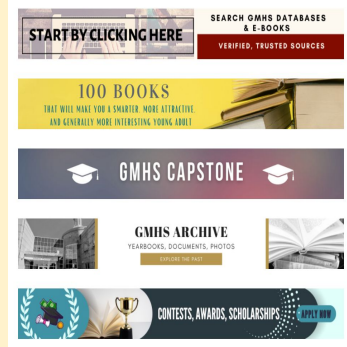
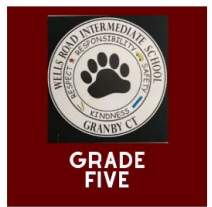
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Curriculum Documents and Resources



Curriculum Resources for Families



Kelly Lane
Media Center

Wells Road
Media Center

GMMS
Media Center

GMHS
Media Center

Accomplishments:

Next Steps:

Website improvements

Refine guidelines for grade and assignment posting

Shared school successes

Strengthen District identity

Reviewed efficacy of current communications platforms

Explore bus tracking app for parents

Publicized important BOE decisions

Improve communications for emergencies

Created engaging newsletters and shared a uniform format across all schools

Vision educational supplement

Reduced the number and streamlined communications for parents

Goal #2

Increase opportunities for audiences to express concerns, share suggestions, participate in decision-making, and be a meaningful part of the school community.



Superintendent's Message

Cheri P. Burke
Superintendent

As you know, this fall we identified two goals from the Granby Public Schools Moving Forward Strategic Plan: 2021-2025 to prioritize 1) **Student Learning and Achievement:** Improve student achievement, academic performance and opportunity at all grade levels and for all ability levels and decrease achievement gaps on the path to college and career readiness, and 2) **Community Engagement:** Enhance communication and build trusting relationships with all stakeholders. We are working hard to accomplish these goals and committed to empowering students to be resourceful learners, effective communicators, and positive contributors to the Granby community.

natural gas & heating oil, nursing services.

- Increase in Special Education Costs: 2.77% Includes Increase in out-of-district tuition and transportation and additional required personnel

In order to uphold our commitment to student achievement, new in FY25, Granby Public Schools will provide targeted support tailored to meet the specific needs of students that are under performing in mathematics with the hiring of a Certified Math Interventionist to serve students at Granby Memorial Middle School. In order to create this new position, we are eliminating a math tutor.

Superintendent's Community Conversation
April 4th | 6:00-7:00pm
via Zoom
Email for link info:
powell@granbyschools.org

The Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY25 supports our goals and upholds our commitment to excellence in the Granby Public Schools. The proposed budget of \$58,118,521 represents an increase of 5.45% above the FY23-24 budget and meets the budget guideline set by the Board of Finance. The Board of Education conducted a Budget Workshop on March 14th and met again on March 21st. They reduced the Superintendent's Proposed Budget from 5.67% to 5.45%. The budget was adopted by the Board of Education and will be presented to the Board of Finance on Monday, March 25th.

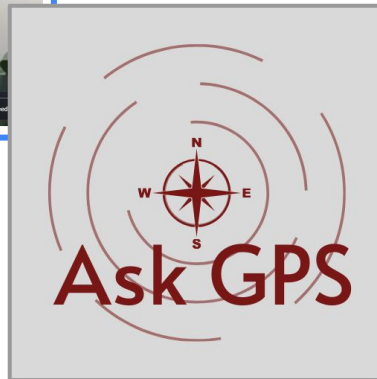
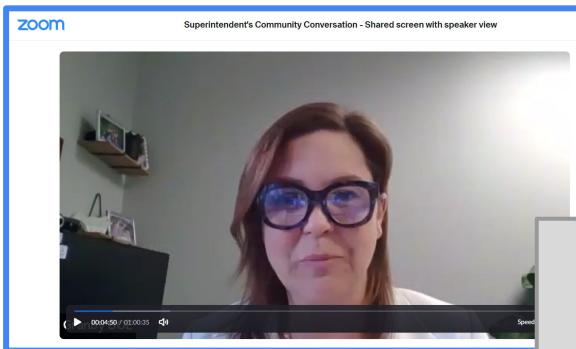
In the fiscal year 2025, we are faced with many real challenges that will put pressure on our ability to reduce the budget.

- Increase in Contractual Obligations: salaries, transportation, health insurance and benefits, electricity,

I wish to draw your attention to the Small Capital Improvement list for FY25. This includes our lease payments for technology and transportation and significant needs in the area of safety and security to update our lockdown and alarm panel systems across the district. This is a time-sensitive project that will need to be completed over two years.

Considering the pressures of the national inflation rate, we believe this to be a modest increase. This budget ensures that students will receive the very best education possible. Many thanks to the Granby Community for your ongoing support of our school.

Cheri Burke



KELLY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVITES
YOU TO

AN EARLY CHILDHOOD
MEETING

JANUARY 12, 9-10am

Join us at Kelly Lane Primary School for a tour of our kindergarten classes and to learn more about the new entrance age for the state of Connecticut, starting in the 2024-2025 school year.

Please RSVP to the office at 860-844-3041 or
Cathy at stahlc@granbyschools.org



<u>Accomplishments:</u>	<u>Next Steps:</u>
Increased opportunities to ask/answer questions	Improve internal systems for staff communication and information gathering
Engaged parents and community members in all school events	Create and implement intergenerational council for volunteering in our schools
Held purposeful events for parents and families at our schools	Create and share “Super Chat” videos with students
Superintendent attended community meetings and events	
Increased access to the Superintendent for families and community members	





COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2024-2027

Status of goals for the December 2023 to May 2024 time period are indicated in **red**. This work is ongoing and adaptive to district needs.

We believe effective two-way communication with all district audiences promotes trust and supports a positive environment for teaching and learning.

It is the responsibility of the Granby Board of Education to set district goals and to regularly review progress toward meeting those goals. In addition to approving this three-year communications plan, our Board will review and approve specific strategies as part of normal Board and budget operations. We will also track our district's progress in achieving the goals of this plan.

Granby Public Schools Communication Goals 2024-2027

1. Provide the information that audiences are seeking in an easy to find, engaging, concise, and understandable format.
2. Increase opportunities for audiences to express concerns, share suggestions, participate in decision-making, and be a meaningful part of the school community.



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2024-2027

Goal 1: Provide the information that audiences are seeking in an easy to find, engaging, concise, and understandable format.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Improve Website (Ongoing)

Re-organize GPS web presence to help users find the information they seek.

- Include district/school dates and GMHS and GMMS daily bulletins (with school activities and club info) on home pages. **(Underway)**
- Highlight budget news, initiatives, awards and celebrations, and key family information. **(Accomplished)**
- Increase available information about GPS curriculum, strategic goals, equity work, and policies related to student conduct. **(Underway)**
- Update central internal staff website to contain HR information, teaching resources, forms, new staff onboarding information, important policies, mandated training, etc. **(Underway)**
- Add engaging student and staff photos and videos to help tell the district's story. **(Accomplished)**

Create Engaging Newsletters (Ongoing)

- Establish a common platform for accessible family newsletters. **(Accomplished)**
- Set district standards for newsletter publication and distribution. **(Accomplished)**
- Create a bi-annual internal staff newsletter to highlight staff awards, district successes, policies, BOE decisions, budget information, staff milestones, etc. **(2024-2025)**

Increase Readability of all Communications (Ongoing)

Train administrators and content creators on writing for today's audiences to improve readability and to engage targeted audiences. **(2024-2025)**

Publicize Important Board of Education Decisions (Ongoing)

Summarize important BOE decisions/votes as needed. Include as appropriate in student announcements, school newsletters, staff website, and *The Granby Drummer Vision* insert. **(Accomplished)**



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2024-2027

Refine Guidelines for Grade and Assignment Posting (2024-2025 / 2025-2026)

- Develop shared outcomes and expectations for use of PowerSchool and Google Classroom.
- Provide training and support as needed.
- Communicate the guidelines to students and families.

Strengthen District Identity (2024-2025 / 2025-2026)

- Ensure school environments are welcoming to all.
- Create a branding committee with representatives from various audiences.
- Work with a graphic designer to update district and school logos using common elements (e.g., colors, fonts) to create cohesion.
- Create high quality raster (for websites, letterhead, etc.) and vector (for commercial banners, spirit gear) files for each logo in a variety of orientations.
- Include a branding guide to ensure consistent logo use and help build our school brand.

Share School Successes (Ongoing)

- Add awards and recognition as a standing agenda item to Board meetings. (Accomplished)
- Use the district social media accounts to celebrate GPS students and staff. (Accomplished)
- Publicize districtwide accolades in various media outlets. (Accomplished)
- Share engaging student and staff videos to help tell the district's story. (2024-2025)

Review Efficacy of Current Communications Platforms (2024-2025 / 2025-2026)

- Review and evaluate the use of district communication systems such as *School Messenger*, *Apptegy*, *Remind*, *Ecollect*, *Digital Backpack*, *My School Bucks* for redundancies and possible savings. (Underway)
- Research alternative platforms which could potentially replace many or all. (Underway)

Prepare Audiences for Emergencies (2024-2025 / 2025-2026)

Share a clear description of crisis communication protocols with appropriate audiences.



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2024-2027

Goal 2: Increase opportunities for audiences to express concerns, share suggestions, participate in decision-making, and be a meaningful part of the school community.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Publicize Process for Getting Concerns Addressed (Underway)

Create and share a public and internal “Addressing School Concerns” process chart to help all audiences get their questions answered and problems resolved as quickly as possible.

Increase Opportunities to Address Questions (Underway)

- Post a public *Ask GPS* blog for district leaders to answer questions from students, families, and the community. (Accomplished)
- Create additional internal avenues for staff to share concerns and questions and to collaborate on solutions. (2024-2025)

Engage Parents and Community Members (Ongoing)

- Partner with family groups to support students and schools. (Underway)
- Capitalize on open house events and school conference days to showcase school resources and student work. (Underway)
- Continue to promote family and community engagement opportunities around events and school projects. (Underway)
- Publicize opportunities and guidelines for volunteers. (Underway)
- Extend a welcome to community members attending public events such as athletic contests, school plays, and concerts. Arrange for transportation if needed/possible. (Underway)
- Create a committee to design a reciprocal intergenerational activity/event where students visit the community and community members visit the schools. (2024-2025)

Connect District Leaders and Superintendent with Families and Community (Ongoing)

- Set up informal events for families to meet with principal (e.g. coffee with the Principal) (Accomplished)
- Record and share “SuperChat” videos to highlight students and programs. (2024-2025 / 2025-2026)
- Attend community meetings and events. (Accomplished)
- Create avenues for families and community members to be heard when key policies, programs, and initiatives are considered. (Accomplished)

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present Board Members: Liz Barlow, Heather Lombardo, Monica Logan, Donna Nolan, David Peling, Rosemarie Weber, and Chase Alexander

Absent Board Members: Karen Richmond-Godard and Katie O'Neill (Student Representative)

I. Call to Order and Welcome

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

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments this evening in person or via Zoom.

III. Student Representative Reports

- Chase Alexander stated that Student Representative Katie O'Neill is getting ready to go on the band/chorus Disney trip early tomorrow morning.
- Empty Bowls is next Friday, April 26th from 5-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Students have worked very hard and it has come together nicely.
- The Foreign Food Fest (formerly Crepe Night) will be held on Friday, May 3rd. World language students will be serving crepes, quesadillas, dumplings, etc.
- AP exams begin the first week of May and classes are currently preparing for them.
- SAT scores should become available tomorrow for Juniors.
- Sports report: Boys' tennis had their first match yesterday and will play to Windsor Locks on Friday; girls' tennis will host Windsor Locks at home on Friday; baseball is away at Bolton today; softball hosted Bolton today at home; golf faces East Granby Copper Hill in East Granby on Thursday; boys' lacrosse heads to Valley Regional on Friday; girls' lacrosse hosts South Windsor on Friday; and, track has a meet in Canton next Wednesday at 4 p.m.
- The GranBee is on Friday and Chase informed the Board his team is Sesabee Street.

IV. Reports and Discussion

IV.A. Schools in the Spotlight

Ms. Megan Proto, Teacher at Wells Road Intermediate School, and some of her students presented the Classroom Charter they all agreed to for this school year, which is a promise made to one another as the classroom community is built. Ms. Pauline Greer, Wells Road Principal, introduced Ms. Proto and the students and stated the students have worked very hard on this presentation and also mentioned that Smarter Balanced testing began today. She shared that she and Colleen Bava, Kelly Lane Principal, met regarding these presentations and agreed to topics of Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) and students having choice and voice. This presentation is about the voices of students with regard to how they should feel when in their classroom. Ms. Proto informed the Board that the Classroom Charter takes the place of teacher-given rules and her class spent the first couple of weeks of school talking about "what school should look like". SEL gives students the life skills necessary to be able to go out into the world and it takes explicit instruction to give them the communication and problem-solving skills. Students shared various aspects of the Classroom Charter as follows: Owen shared the origin of the charter and how students wanted the classroom to feel; Kenny shared next steps of the charter with regard to communication skills to work toward solutions; Ellie and Rachel shared what to do when students need support and what strategies are used to calm yourself when nervous; and, Alex stated the charter is a living, breathing, working document and is a tool for the classroom. Ms. Proto spoke about family connections with regard to the charter and when discussed at conferences, parents were very interested in being involved with homework, SEL lessons and updates as well as weekly parent communication.

IV.B. FY25 Budget Update

Board Chair, Monica Logan, provided an update on the FY25 Board of Education Budget and stated the budget passed on Monday with a 14% turnout of voters. She stated she is incredibly grateful for the support of everyone who showed up to vote and for the district to be able to move forward and plan for next school year.

V. Business Requiring Action

V.A. Minutes

A motion was made by Donna Nolan and seconded by Heather Lombardo that the Granby Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 Board of Education Meeting. This motion passed at 7:30 p.m. with one abstention (David Peling).

VI. Committee Reports

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

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

This subcommittee has not met. Next meeting is May 1st. Approved minutes are in the packet.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

The Finance Subcommittee meeting for tonight was canceled.

V.I.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. CREC/CABE

There was nothing to report.

VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation

The GranBee is this Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

Monica Logan stated the calendar of events is as presented and mentioned the Leo Club Alzheimer's Walk on April 20th from 10:30-11:30 on the high school track.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

There were no Board member announcements this evening.

VI.E. Action Items

There were no action items this evening.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Cheri Burke, Superintendent, welcomed everyone back from vacation last week.
- She echoed the Board Chair's comments regarding the budget and is very grateful to the community and Board members for their support and hard work during the budget process.
- A new Director of Finance and Operations has been hired. Mrs. Nicole Stevenson was selected from an outstanding application pool. Thank you to Monica Logan and Donna Nolan for serving on the hiring committee. Mrs. Stevenson's references were outstanding and in almost every way she is currently doing the same work in her current district and is very excited to come to Granby.
- Congratulations to Emily Buder who was the recipient of the Fund for Teachers Grant from the Dalio Education Foundation and will travel to Scotland this summer with all expenses paid. Ms. Buder will be invited to a Board Meeting this spring to be recognized and to share about her trip.
- Also, congratulations to Media Center Specialists, Casey LaPlante, Leigh Ann Ryan, Laurie Smith and Joy Cloukey on receiving the 2024 Connecticut Library Association's Faith Hektoen Award for outstanding library programs that have significantly enhanced children across Connecticut, namely, the Granby Children's Book Festival held this fall which was supported through the GEF as well as the Granby Public Library.
- Attended the Social Media Internet Safety last evening and attendance was better than previous events. There is one more opportunity on May 2nd regarding Suicide Prevention by Justine Ginsberg from the Farmington Valley Health Department.
- A Community Conversation will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6-7 p.m. via Zoom.
- Looking forward to the GranBee tomorrow night with Mr. James Whitten, Wells Road Teacher, as Emcee and teachers Jessica Foskitt, Sarah Warner and Lindsay Zuck as judges.
- A reminder that the annual retirement and 25-year luncheon will be held on June 5th at the North Barn Pavilion at Holcomb Farm. All Board members are welcomed.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 1, 2024.

VIII. Chairperson's Report

Monica Logan, Board Chair, stated many thanks again for voting and being engaged in the budget. With regard to the presentation about social media last night, additional information can be obtained from Principal Dunn and also Officer Abalan who attended from the Granby Police Department. She stated she learned a great deal from this presentation. It was highly informative and she looks forward to attending the next presentation on May 2nd. It is a great opportunity to learn more and get engaged.

A motion was made by Heather Lombardo and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss a student discipline matter regarding a recent incident. This motion passed unanimously at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Donna Nolan to enter into Executive Session. This motion passed unanimously at 7:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Donna Nolan and seconded by Liz Barlow to end Executive Session and enter back into regular session. This motion passed unanimously at 7:58 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Donna Nolan and seconded by Dave Peling that the Granby Board of Education adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Barlow", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Elizabeth H. Barlow
Board Secretary



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

May 1	Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Board of Education Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Services Town Hall Meeting Room
May 2	GMHS Spring Band Concert	8:00-9:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
May 3	Foreign Food Festival	5:00-7:30 p.m.	HS Cafeteria
May 6-17	AP Exams		
May 15	Finance Subcommittee Meeting Board of Education Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Services Town Hall Meeting Room
May 16	GPS Strings Concert	7:00-8:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
May 17	Senior Prom	5:00-11:00 p.m.	The Riverview, Simsbury
May 21	NHS Science Night	5:00-7:00 p.m.	HS Cafeteria
May 21-23	8 th Grade Washington, DC Trip		
May 23	Senior Outing	All Day	Boulder Ridge, New Hartford
May 23	GMHS Spring Choral Concert	8:00-9:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
May 24	Professional Development - No School		
May 27	Holiday - No School		
May 28	GMMS Choral Concert	6:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
May 30	GMMS Band Concert	6:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
May 31	Underclassmen Awards Ceremony	1:15-2:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium