

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall Meeting Room**

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

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**{{RecommendedMotion}}**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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**III. Chairperson's Report**

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

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**IV. Awards and Recognition**

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**A. Simone Lohr - Grade 8 Student**

**The Board of Education will recognize Simone Lohr, a Grade 8 student, for creating the budget book cover art.**

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**{{RecommendedMotion}}**

**V. Student Representative Reports**

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**Rationale:** Ms. Sofia Brenson and Madison Schantz, Student Representatives, will report on activities taking place at the high school.

**{{RecommendedMotion}}**

**VI. Reports and Discussion**

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**{{RecommendedMotion}}**

**A. Continue the FY 27 Budget Discussion.**

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**Rationale:** Continue any discussion from the Budget Workshop regarding the FY27 Budget.

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**VII. Business Requiring Action**

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**A. Adoption of the FY 27 Budget**

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**B. Director of Finance & Operations Report—February 2026 Budget Expense Report.**

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**Rationale:** Ms. Nickie Stevenson, Director of Operations & Finance, will present the February 2026 Budget Expense Report.

RecommendedMotion

**C. Minutes - March 4, 2026 - Regular Board of Education Meeting**

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RecommendedMotion

**D. Minutes - March 11, 2026 - Budget Workshop Meeting**

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**VIII. Committee Reports**

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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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RecommendedMotion

**IX. Public Comment**

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**Rationale:** Granby community engagement and attendance at Board of Education public meetings is welcomed and encouraged. As is our custom, the Board views Public Comment as an opportunity for members of the public to share their comments and concerns with the Board, and Board members will not be responding to comments or engaging in a dialog. As it deems appropriate, the Board may place such matters on the agenda for future meetings for discussion in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Procedurally, public remarks will be limited to 5 minutes and speakers will be asked to identify themselves by name and address. We expect comments to be respectful and civil in tone, and we do not permit name-calling, raised voices, personal attacks or vulgarity.

Lastly, we note that the Superintendent is responsible for student and personnel matters. No speaker will be permitted to use public comment to bring complaints against any teacher, student or staff member or to discuss student matters, which are confidential. Therefore, the use of student, teacher or staff names is not permitted. Any such complaints or concerns should be directed to the Superintendent and her team.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

#### **X. Superintendent's Report**

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**Rationale:** Superintendent Burke will provide district updates.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

#### **XI. Action Items**

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**Rationale:** The Board will put forth any action items at this time.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

#### **XII. Adjournment**

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{{RecommendedMotion}}

**GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BUSINESS OFFICE**  
**15-B North Granby Road**  
**Granby, CT 06035**  
**(860) 844-5253**

*stevensonn@granbyschools.org*

To: Cheri P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools

From: Nickie Stevenson, Director of Finance & Operations

Re: February 2026 Budget Expense Report

Date: March 13, 2026

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Please find attached the February 2026 budget expense report for the current fiscal year.

**Personnel and Program Accounts**

At this time, expenditures across both personnel and program accounts remain stable. As we approach year-end, financial closing schedules and timelines will be provided to all budget owners outlining program and payroll deadlines to help ensure a smooth fiscal year-end closing process.

As we continue to plan proactively for future obligations, we are requesting Board approval at this time to reallocate available budgeted funds, if and when they become clearly available and are not required to meet current year operating expenses, to prefund a portion of the FY28 OPEB ADC (Actuarially Determined Contribution) as determined by Milliman, a third-party actuarial firm. As discussed during the FY27 budget process, additional contributions to the OPEB Trust begin in FY27, with significantly larger funding requirements anticipated in FY28. To the extent funds can be prudently set aside in advance, this would help mitigate the impact of those future obligations on upcoming operating budgets.

**Special Education**

Special education expenses continue to fluctuate, although we remain hopeful that spending will begin to stabilize through the remainder of the year. With a little over three (3) months of school remaining, we cannot rule out the possibility of additional unanticipated outplacements.

While program-related special education expenses have increased, we have seen corresponding decreases on the personnel side. At this time, the overall special education budget remains closely aligned with its original allocation.

**Quality and Diversity Fund (Q&D)**

The Q&D fund continues to remain consistent. At this time, we anticipate ending the fiscal year with a positive balance of approximately \$400,000, consistent with last month's report.

**Reimbursement Revenue to the Town**

Anticipated FY 2026 Board of Education reimbursements to the Town remain largely consistent with the January report at approximately \$2,532,656, which is about \$31,000 less than previously reported. This adjustment reflects changes in student transportation routing, such as single riders transitioning to shared routes. These routing efficiencies reduce transportation expenses and, correspondingly, the related excess cost reimbursement.

**PROGRAM ACCOUNTS**  
**Granby Board of Education FY 2026**  
**February 2026 Budget Expense Report**

Row #	Description	Budget	Adjusted Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Balance	Combined % Expended and Encumbered
01	Communications	\$92,889	\$92,887	\$53,535	\$29,814	\$9,537	89.7%
02	Conference & Travel	\$53,994	\$45,841	\$17,652	\$9,985	\$18,204	60.3%
03	Dues and Fees	\$40,012	\$40,012	\$35,792	\$977	\$3,243	91.9%
04	Equipment/Furniture	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$668	\$0	\$8,832	7.0%
05	Legal Services/Insurance	\$160,470	\$161,970	\$99,004	\$62,811	\$155	99.9%
06	Library/Media	\$60,581	\$60,581	\$44,643	\$8,669	\$7,269	88.0%
07	Purchased Services	\$1,212,475	\$1,207,580	\$641,919	\$536,662	\$28,999	97.6%
08	Repairs & Maintenance	\$568,244	\$568,244	\$362,769	\$198,970	\$6,505	98.9%
09	Software	\$500,305	\$476,699	\$393,605	\$76,146	\$6,948	98.5%
10	Special Education	\$4,314,930	\$4,494,718	\$2,209,279	\$2,204,418	\$81,020	98.2%
11	Student Activities/Athletics	\$415,776	\$382,603	\$179,248	\$139,630	\$63,725	83.3%
12	Supplies	\$579,012	\$561,664	\$332,861	\$149,940	\$78,863	86.0%
13	Textbooks	\$112,880	\$94,017	\$41,604	\$5,986	\$46,427	50.6%
14	Transportation	\$1,232,920	\$1,196,411	\$619,610	\$563,659	\$13,143	98.9%
15	Tuition	\$11,317	\$11,578	\$11,578	\$0	\$0	100.0%
16	Utilities	\$852,044	\$852,044	\$457,092	\$311,857	\$83,094	90.2%
17	Unallocated Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	<b>Program</b>	<b>\$10,217,348</b>	<b>\$10,256,348</b>	<b>\$5,500,859</b>	<b>\$4,299,525</b>	<b>\$455,964</b>	<b>95.6%</b>

**PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS**  
**Granby Board of Education FY 2026**  
**February 2026 Budget Expense Report**

Row #	Description	Budget	Adjusted Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Balance	Combined % Expended and Encumbered
18	Administration	\$1,692,632	\$1,725,960	\$1,132,908	\$593,052	\$0	100.0%
19	Central Office	\$598,191	\$578,461	\$362,508	\$215,571	\$382	99.9%
20	Certified Staff	\$11,870,327	\$11,918,327	\$6,513,718	\$5,357,051	\$47,558	99.6%
21	Custodial and Maintenance	\$1,533,303	\$1,611,027	\$1,043,681	\$551,105	\$16,241	99.0%
22	School Secretaries	\$706,231	\$727,496	\$461,103	\$266,336	\$58	100.0%
23	Special Education	\$4,819,753	\$4,619,722	\$2,535,948	\$1,891,724	\$192,050	95.8%
24	Student Activities/Athletics	\$574,117	\$574,117	\$234,006	\$321,696	\$18,415	96.8%
25	Teaching Assistants	\$445,622	\$445,264	\$252,173	\$181,531	\$11,560	97.4%
26	Technology Support Services	\$274,096	\$274,896	\$177,336	\$97,560	\$0	100.0%
27	Tutors	\$35,589	\$35,589	\$13,429	\$14,470	\$7,690	78.4%
28	Employee Benefits	\$6,650,933	\$6,650,933	\$4,323,808	\$2,238,462	\$88,663	98.7%
29	Unallocated Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>\$29,200,794</b>	<b>\$29,161,794</b>	<b>\$17,050,618</b>	<b>\$11,728,559</b>	<b>\$382,618</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
	<b>100 General Fund</b>	<b>\$39,418,142</b>	<b>\$39,418,142</b>	<b>\$22,551,477</b>	<b>\$16,028,084</b>	<b>\$838,582</b>	<b>97.9%</b>

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ACCOUNT DETAIL**  
**Granby Board of Education FY 2026**  
**February 2026 Budget Expense Report**

Row #	Description	Budget	Adjusted Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Balance	Combined % Expended and Encumbered
01	Administrative/Certified	\$2,296,877	\$2,269,877	\$1,263,014	\$952,421	\$54,442	97.6%
02	Secretaries	\$110,692	\$110,790	\$69,806	\$40,984	\$0	100.0%
03	Support Services	\$519,932	\$505,224	\$262,276	\$203,740	\$39,207	92.2%
04	Teaching Assistants	\$1,830,695	\$1,710,695	\$938,767	\$690,578	\$81,350	95.2%
05	Tutors	\$61,556	\$23,136	\$2,085	\$4,000	\$17,051	26.3%
	<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$4,819,753</b>	<b>\$4,619,722</b>	<b>\$2,535,948</b>	<b>\$1,891,724</b>	<b>\$192,050</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
06	Communications	\$100	\$116	\$116	\$0	\$0	100.0%
07	Conference & Travel	\$14,125	\$9,112	\$7,067	\$618	\$1,427	84.3%
08	Dues and Fees	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$805	\$250	\$1,195	46.9%
09	Legal Services	\$27,500	\$15,500	\$5,217	\$10,283	\$0	100.0%
10	Purchased Services	\$182,017	\$178,017	\$90,650	\$60,854	\$26,514	85.1%
11	Software	\$9,860	\$8,141	\$7,270	\$871	\$0	100.0%
12	Supplies/Textbooks	\$51,950	\$51,950	\$25,015	\$1,995	\$24,940	52.0%
13	Transportation	\$1,137,463	\$1,118,090	\$177,923	\$914,033	\$26,135	97.7%
14	Tuition	\$2,889,666	\$3,111,542	\$1,895,217	\$1,215,515	\$810	100.0%
	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$4,314,930</b>	<b>\$4,494,718</b>	<b>\$2,209,279</b>	<b>\$2,204,418</b>	<b>\$81,020</b>	
	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,134,683</b>	<b>\$9,114,440</b>	<b>\$4,745,227</b>	<b>\$4,096,142</b>	<b>\$273,071</b>	<b>97.0%</b>

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**Granby Board of Education FY 2026**  
**February 2026 Budget Expense Report**

**REVENUE TO TOWN SUMMARY**  
**REIMBURSEMENTS FOR BOE EXPENDITURES**

Description	Budget	Anticipated	Received To Date	Difference (Received minus Anticipated)
Regular Education Tuition*	\$787,550	\$663,072	\$663,072	\$0
Special Education Tuition*	\$759,666	\$940,694	\$16,477	-\$924,217
B.E.A.R. Transition Academy Tuition*	\$84,737	\$56,087	\$28,044	-\$28,044
Granby Alternative Program Tuition (GAP)*	\$0	\$29,139	\$27,460	-\$1,680
Excess Cost Grant	\$587,858	\$801,662	\$530,004	-\$271,658
Pay for Participation	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$28,943	-\$13,057
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,261,811</b>	<b>\$2,532,656</b>	<b>\$1,293,999</b>	<b>-\$1,238,656</b>

\*From Other Towns

**QUALITY AND DIVERSITY FUND (Q&D)**

Description	Budget	YTD	Difference (YTD vs. Budget)
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$211,803</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Expenses	\$984,237	\$583,523	\$400,714
Revenue	\$969,686	\$281,450	-\$688,236
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$197,252</b>	<b>-\$90,269</b>	<b>-\$287,521</b>

**GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Granby, Connecticut**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
*(subject to approval)*

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, March 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, Ann Woods, David Peling, Ed. D, and Andrew Billig. **ABSENT:** Liz Barlow

**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, on behalf of herself and Liz Barlow, offered a sincere apology to the community regarding the recent incident. She expressed regret for the distraction it has caused and for drawing attention away from the important work of the Board of Education and the proposed Board of Education budget. Chair Logan stated that both she and Liz Barlow have always been allies of the LGBTQ+ community and noted that the questions and comments referenced were not intended to be offensive. She also clarified that no Board member requested that the raw livestream recording be edited or destroyed. Chair Logan concluded by stating that she is committed to continuing the important work of the Board.

Chair Logan reviewed important context regarding Board of Education meetings, noting that the Board convenes to receive reports from the Superintendent, approve budgets and contracts, and conduct necessary business to ensure Granby Public Schools operate effectively. She emphasized that Board meetings are business meetings held in public, not public hearings.

She also briefly reviewed the legal standards surrounding FOIA and the requirement to follow the posted agenda after public comment. Residents may contact and engage with Board members via email or other means outside of business meetings and may also provide comments at that time.

Following the Chairperson's Report, Donna Nolan addressed the Board. Ms. Nolan stated that members of the community were offended by the comments that were made and noted that the fact that Josh Elliott stated he was not offended did not negate the concerns of others.

She also referenced an email request from a Board of Education member asking that the video be taken down and edited. Ms. Nolan compared the situation to a student expulsion hearing, noting the importance of accountability for one's actions.

Ms. Nolan further stated that, in her view, members of the Republican Party want what is best for the town and believe that both individuals involved should step down, as she stated they do not represent what they want on the Board.

**Public Comment:**

Please note that the following are brief recaps of each individual's statements. For the full statements, please refer to the link above to view the meeting in its entirety and hear the full public comment statement.

1. Cathy Watson, 11 Evergreen Drive, Granby - She addressed the Board regarding WFSB's reporting on the matter. She spoke about the importance of determining the accuracy of the information being reported and referenced concerns regarding GCTV's editing of the raw footage. Ms. Watson emphasized the importance of seeking the truth and stated that establishing the facts should be the focus before placing blame on anyone.
2. Ali Zafar, Granby - He thanked Donna Nolan for her statement. He expressed the view that the Democrats do not have ownership over the recent "hot mic" issue and stated that the situation had been made political by the DTC statement that was released. He also commented on what he described as hypocrisy by the group, noting that Monica or Liz feel they are not bound by rules or that they need to be held accountable for their actions.
3. Beth Carrol, Quail Lane, Granby - She stated that she has not received responses to information she requested over the past six to nine months regarding the budget. She noted that she has submitted a FOIA request for her budget-related questions. She also stated that she will be attending the upcoming budget workshop and expects the Board to provide answers to her questions. She also read an excerpt from a 9th-grade English book that was sexually explicit, and she expects better from all.
4. Lynn Krauss, 20 West Granby Road, Granby - She stated that she found the book read by Beth Carrol to be appalling. She thanked Donna Nolan for her statement and emphasized the importance of accountability and transparency for all Board of Education members. She also noted that all groups matter, particularly when speaking from one's position on the Board.
5. Monte Horst, 15 Tennyson Dr. - He addressed the Board regarding the importance of transparency and accountability for Board of Education members, emphasizing the need to acknowledge and own their mistakes. He compared the situation to what would occur if students engaged in similar behavior, noting that students would be held accountable for their actions.
6. Rebecca Mikas, 14 Stonewall Dr. - She commended the excellence of the drama and fine arts programs, as well as the dedication of the teachers and coaches, noting that they do an outstanding job. She raised a question regarding how the needs of the drama program are being met and stated that, while she supports athletics, she expressed concern that the budget

does not appear to equitably support fine arts and drama. She further noted that the booster club cannot be expected to fund all program needs.

7. Mike Flannigan - He stated that he had met with an attorney and is requesting a copy of emails regarding the GCTV video recording. He expressed concerns about the purpose of certain instructional materials, which he described as potential indoctrination of students. He also stated his opinion that the budget is “padded” and commented that the Democrats ignored legal requirements and acted in a partisan manner.
8. KC Petruzzi - 54 N. Granby Rd., Granby - She addressed the Board regarding the proposed Board of Education budget, emphasizing the importance of maintaining adequate staffing for special education needs and supporting the social-emotional learning needs of students. She encouraged community members to participate in the upcoming budget vote in April.
9. Jay - He is a former 2012 graduate and stated that in his experience, the staff at GMHS was ridiculous and embarrassing. The staff also allowed bullying within the school. Why, if the student population is going down, why is the budget increasing. He further stated that Monica and Liz should step down immediately.
10. Corrine DeGallo, 3 Strawberry Fields, Granby - She is in support of Monica and Liz. She stated that she believes context and track record are important, noting that both are strong allies of the LGBTQ+ community. She expressed the view that resignations are not warranted based on the incident and urged everyone to consider the facts before drawing conclusions.
11. Kyle Reyes - He pledged \$1,000 to the drama club for a bus to the Halo Awards. He stated Monica and Liz need to have consequences, and that it is a double standard. It’s not ok to make discriminatory statements and then refuse to acknowledge the mistake. He would like a formal apology and resignation.
12. Valerie Eastwood, 10 Haven Drive, Granby - She addressed the Board in support of Monica and Liz. She stated that she agrees accountability is important and expressed the view that both individuals have demonstrated accountability through their apologies.
13. Anna S., 15 Old Orchard Rd. - She is in support of Monica and Liz, and that banter on a “hot mic” should not erase all of their years of service and hard work, and the matter certainly shouldn’t be addressed through all of this hostility.
14. Ellen Thomson, 250 Salmon Brook St. - She is in support of Monica and Liz. She asked the question; What Slur? She stated that by asking and saying gay is not an insult. They are both sincere and hardworking individuals, and she appreciates all of their hard work over the years, and that they are certainly not bullies and shouldn’t be treated as such.
15. Michael Fitzgerald, 25 Strawberry Fields. - He spoke regarding the proposed budget and noted that opinions differ on the level of support the Board has received from the community. He emphasized the importance of a collaborative Board and expressed concern that some individuals are using loaded or manipulative language in discussions.
16. Ben Perron - He addressed the Board regarding the “hot mic” incident. He noted that, having served on the Board for 12 years, he is offended by the current situation involving the Board

of Education. He stated that this behavior does not reflect the values of Granby and emphasized that everyone should have an equal seat at the table and set a positive example.

17. Mike Kamerancko - He stated that Monica and Liz should step aside, noting that he did not consider Monica's apology to be genuine. He also expressed concern that the Board does not adequately address bullying issues in the schools, and he has mentioned this issue several times at different meetings. He also raised a concern regarding the schools' no longer accepting cash.
18. Bill Glueck (Zoom) - He agreed with the statements of Mike Kamerancko and Beth Carrol. As President of the Taxpayer Alliance, he stated that he will be attending the upcoming budget workshop. He emphasized that families of faith should be equally protected alongside the LGBTQ+ community and expressed the view that the Board should operate more collaboratively rather than adversarially. He further noted that, in his opinion, there is significant hostility from the Democrats.
19. John Meyers (Zoom) - He spoke to the Board regarding the "hot mic" incident. He stated that if Monica's apology is qualified with a "but," it cannot be considered a genuine apology.
20. Vince (Zoom) - He stated that he would like the BOE's budget to be presented line by line, like the Board of Selectmen's budget, to gain credibility and transparency through the budget process.
21. Tony Flanigan (Zoom) - He spoke to the "hot mic" incident. The language used was inappropriate, and the tone suggested it was not an isolated event. The questions he has are: Why was it removed? Who removed it? Who altered the video? He said Granby residents deserve a Board with accountability, leadership, and integrity.
22. Mike Fusick (Zoom) - He stated that none of his children will be attending Granby Public Schools and that this behavior by Monica and Liz is unacceptable, and the leadership is horrendous. There is such a lack of a moral compass. They need to be held accountable.
23. Elizabeth Bouley (Zoom) - She was happy to hear support for the Drama Club. Thanked Kyle for his donation for the bus. She encouraged everyone to come out and purchase tickets to see the latest production at GMHS of The Little Mermaid.

On a motion by Monica Logan and seconded by Heather Lombardo, the Board took a brief recess at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

### **Student Representative Reports:**

- Madison's Updates:
  - A lot of involvement from the student body for Read Across America on 3/2 at Kelly Lane and Wells Road.
  - Little Mermaid - tickets are on sale now.
  - There will be a blood drive on 3/11.
  - They will be raising money for food banks on 3/27 at 7:00 at the Granby cafeteria
  - SAT's are coming up for Juniors.

- Sophia's Updates:
  - Winter sports - state games have started for Boys basketball, Girls basketball, and Girls Swim.
  - New JV Lacrosse coach.

### **Reports and Discussion:**

- **FY 27 Superintendents' Proposed Budget Presentation:**
  - Click [HERE](#) to view the Budget Book presented - please note this information is also posted on the Granby Public Schools website, along with live links that are updated regularly.
  - Superintendent Burke wanted to thank Nickie Stevenson and Megan Siegel for all of their hard work in preparing the budget book. She also thanked student Simone Lohr for her artwork that was featured on the cover of the book.
  - Superintendent Burke reviewed key sections of the budget book and highlighted improvements that were made to enhance clarity and ease of reading.
  - Please email all questions to either Cheri Burke and/or Monica Logan. There is also an ASK GPS email on our website where you can also direct your questions.
  - The next meeting will be the Budget Workshop on March 11th at the Granby Senior Center at 7:00 pm.

### **Business Requiring Action:**

- **Director of Finance and Operations Report:**
  - Nickie Stevenson, Director of Operations and Finance, presented the request for reallocation of Capital Funds. Click [HERE](#) for the memo.
  - On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Andrew Billig, the request for reallocation of Capital Funds was approved.
- **February 18, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes:**
  - On a motion by Heather Lombardo and seconded by Donna Nolan, the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes were approved. Ann Woods abstained.

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

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication - The next meeting is on April 1, 2026.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities— This committee met tonight. Donna Nolan shared the agenda and what was discussed: the January 2026 budget report, reallocation of capital funds, and the Q & D report.

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

- CREC/CABE - No Updates.
- Granby Education Foundation - No Updates.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Superintendent Burke spoke to the recent weather challenges. The last day of school will be on June 17th.
- She attended a Business Leaders Breakfast with the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce with our Student Representatives, Madison and Sofia. The students did a lot of networking and were able to meet other women in leadership roles.
- The Little Mermaid production will soon take place, and tickets are currently on sale.

**Action Items:**

There were no action items presented.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Andrew Billig, the Board of Education adjourned with all in favor, no discussion, at 9:45 pm.

Recording by:

***Michelle L. Crowley***

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

**GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Granby, Connecticut**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
*(subject to approval)*

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**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Cheri Burke, Assistant Superintendent Jenn Parsons, Director of Finance and Operations Nickie Stevenson, and Director of Pupil Personnel Services Kate Weingartner.

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

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

Chair Logan briefly spoke prior to the budget workshop meeting, reminding participants to sign up for Public Comment and noting that the Board would aim to complete all agenda items while allowing two public comment opportunities, one after each budget section discussion.

**Budget Context:**

- Superintendent Burke began the discussion with the March 11th budget presentation. Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.
  
- The following was discussed from the FY 27 Budget Book:
  1. Vision of a Graduate pg. 1
  2. BOE Goals pg. 2
  3. Budget History and Guidelines pg. 3
  4. Enrollment History and Projections pg. 4
  5. Class Size pg. 5
  6. Per Pupil Expenditure pg. 6
  7. Notable Achievements pg. 7
  8. Department Highlights pg. 9
  9. Total Budget Summary pg. 11

- Chris DeGray, Director of Facilities, spoke about his dedicated, skilled maintenance and custodial staff, noting that they consistently go above and beyond to keep the buildings clean and well-maintained. He also highlighted their work outside the buildings, including mowing and landscaping, to help maintain the overall appearance of the grounds.
- Jon Lambert, Director of Technology, spoke about his talented IT team. He noted that the team consists of only four members who support all four schools, the Central Office, and also provide shared services with the Town.
- Jennifer Parsons, Assistant Superintendent, spoke about curriculum and noted that Granby Public Schools is fully compliant with State of Connecticut requirements. She also highlighted the district's transparency, noting that the curriculum is posted on the district website and was sent home to all families this year.

**Public Comment:**

*Please note that the following are brief summaries of each individual's statement. To hear the full public comments and view the meeting in its entirety, please refer to the link above.*

1. David Anderson, 4 Greenwood Dr., representing the Granby Taxpayers' Alliance - He distributed a presentation to all Board members. He stated he emailed a copy of the report to everyone as well. He spoke about teacher retention, including collaborating with the GTA to identify savings to increase teacher salaries, implementing exit surveys, offering anonymous surveys, and conducting a benchmark study in partnership with the GTA.
2. James Tsaptsinos, 25 Stonewall Dr. - He stated concerns regarding teacher compensations, suggested potential staff reductions, highlighted the Board's responsibility to properly steward the taxpayers' money, and to look at working with the GTA plan that was presented earlier.
3. Rebecca Mikus, 14 Stonewall Dr. - She spoke about the budget, noting that she appreciated the increased level of detail. However, she prefers Canton's budget format, which provides line-by-line information with notes. She requested more information on extracurricular activities and clubs, specifically naming them and ensuring the needs of students not involved in athletics are being met. She expressed opposition to any reduction in teaching staff.
4. Beth Carrol, 10 Quail Lane - She spoke about the budget, noting that it was unclear regarding salaries and stipends. She specifically asked which budget funds the SRO's salary and expressed concern that the numbers did not appear to match.
5. John Spatcher, 22 Roundhill Rd. - He commented that Granby should be classified in DRG B, rather than DRG C. He wanted to share his thoughts and opinions on this matter.  
\*Superintendent Burke noted that Granby Public Schools does not determine DRG classification; it is determined by the School and State Finance Project.

6. Mike Kamerenko, Notch Road - He spoke about special education numbers, noting that they seemed inflated. He asked whether the district receives \$25,000 per Open Choice student from Hartford and questioned the line-by-line accounting of funds collected from football games.
7. Mike Flannigan - He inquired about the salaries of the Assistants to the Assistants, noting that this information has been requested via FOIA. He emphasized that the Board needs to provide clearer information regarding projects.
8. Bill Glueck - Zoom - He expressed support for Dave from the GTA. He noted that the budget book is not detailed enough, referenced the GTA report, and encouraged the Board to review it and collaborate with the GTA for a thoughtful discussion regarding the budget.
9. Vince Scacchitti - Zoom - He stated that the budget book needs line-by-line descriptions. He asked how the Board of Education accounts for deviations throughout the year, why the budget changes, and emphasized the need for greater detail and accountability.
10. Toby Proctor - Board of Finance - He stated he would like the budget book numbers to include comparisons for more than two years.
11. Kent McCord - Board of Finance - He expressed support for the work of school administrators, noting that their efforts allow teachers to focus on teaching and prevent them from taking on additional responsibilities. He requested that the budget book include data for one additional year, raised concerns about teacher retention, and noted the 4.79% increase for administrators on page 14.

### **Operating Budget:**

- Superintendent Burke began the discussion with the March 11th budget presentation. Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.
- The following was discussed from the FY 27 Budget Book:
  1. Summary pg. 12-14
- Principal Michael Dunn highlighted the importance of all of the administrators' roles (Principal, Asst. Principal, and Dean of Students), noting that daily responsibilities can vary, but they always prioritize what is best for students. He expressed pride in serving Granby Public Schools and thanked the Board for its support.
- Superintendent Burke reviewed the Organizational Chart to clarify the roles of administrative assistants and secretarial/clerical staff. She noted that their responsibilities extend beyond clerical tasks, encompassing school operations and logistics. She also reviewed the roles of Central Office staff and the responsibilities of administrative assistants at Central Office.

**Public Comment:**

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1. Curt Johnson, 1 Fielding Woods - He addressed the Board by reading a letter regarding the GMMS CIAC Robotics Team, requesting additional funding beyond \$2,000, and asked for more detailed line-item information on pages 14–19 of the budget book to include staff and sports numbers.
2. John Spatcher, 22 Roundhill Road - He thanked staff for their hard work and for the informative organizational chart. He expressed appreciation to Michael Dunn, administrators, and teachers. He also requested greater transparency on salaries, clarification of personnel assignments on budget lines, and a possible work-study analysis for Central Office staff.
3. Rebecca Mikus, 14 Stonewall Dr. - She acknowledged the hard work of administrators and thanked Superintendent Burke for clarifying that the teaching assistant position at Kelly Lane on page 21 is not being cut, but has remained unfilled this year and will no longer be listed as open.
4. Vince Scacchitti, Zoom - He spoke about the need for greater transparency in the budget. He asked who is responsible for purchasing goods and services and how spending is being managed.
5. Bill Glueck, Zoom - He reiterated the need for more documentation and budget transparency. He noted that Granby appears to the State of Connecticut as a wealthy school district, which may result in reduced grant funding, and that funding could decline further in 2028. He suggested meeting with state representatives to advocate before 2028.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by David Peling, seconded by Donna Nolan, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m. All were in favor, with no discussion.

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