Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 7:00 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room

I. Call to Order and Welcome
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{{Attachment:}}
{{RecommendedMotion}}

II. Pledge of Allegiance
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{{RecommendedMotion}}

III. Chairperson's Report
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Rationale: The Board Chair will share remarks.
{{RecommendedMotion}}

IV. Awards and Recognition
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{{Attachment:}}
Rationale: Superintendent Burke will recognize the members of the Granby Board of Education
{{RecommendedMotion}}

V. 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}}

VI. Business Requiring Action
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{{RecommendedMotion}}

A. June 3, 2026 Minutes—Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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{{RecommendedMotion}}

B. May 2026 Budget Expense Report

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{{RecommendedMotion}}

C. Discussion and possible action on the Superintendent's contract

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{{RecommendedMotion}}

VII. Superintendents Update

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Rationale: Superintendent Burke will share updates with the Granby Board of Education.

{{RecommendedMotion}}

VIII. Adjournment

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{{Attachment:}}

{{RecommendedMotion}}

*The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please click the following link: **June 3, 2026 - Regular Meeting Recording**.*

GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Granby, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes
(subject to approval)

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 15-B N. Granby Road.

PRESENT: Board members: Vice Chair Heather Lombardo, Donna Nolan, Ann Woods, David Peling, Ed. D, Andrew Billig, John Limeburner, and Joel Danke.

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

Call to Order and Welcome:
Board Vice Chair Heather Lombardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Business Requiring Action:

- **Election of Chair -**
  On a motion by Andrew Billig and seconded by Ann Woods, Heather Lombardo was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of Board Chair.
- **Election of Vice-Chair -**
  On a motion by Heather Lombardo and seconded by Donna Nolan, David Peling was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of Board Vice-Chair.
- **Election of Secretary -**
  On a motion by Andrew Billig and seconded by Donna Nolan, Ann Woods was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of Board Secretary.

Chairperson's Report: Heather Lombardo, Chair
Heather introduced the newest Board member, Joel Danke, and expressed her pleasure in having a full Board in place. She announced that the next Board of Education meeting will be held on June 17. Heather also noted that a Board Retreat will be scheduled during the summer and stated that she looks forward to working with all Board members.

Awards and Recognition:
Bethany Grupp was recognized for receiving the **Embrace Collaboration Award** from the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) in recognition of the successful partnership between Granby Public Schools and the Open Choice Program.

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Student Representative Reports:
Superintendent Burke recognized Sofia Brenson for her service as the Senior Student Representative. She thanked Sofia for providing updates to the Board and wished her continued success, congratulating her on her upcoming graduation and her plans to attend Central Connecticut State University as a nursing student in the fall.

Sophia's Updates:

- Softball is entering the second round of states.
- Baseball is wrapped up.
- Graduation is June 11th at 5:30, and the safe grad party will follow at the YMCA.
- Seniors had finals this week, and the underclassmen will have their finals next week.
- Senior awards were last night.

Reports and Discussion:

- **Schools in the Spotlight - Granby Memorial Middle School:**
  Principal Heather Tanis and her student presenters, Aubrie, Raegan, Chu, and Ariyo, presented to the Board. Please click **HERE** to view the slide presentation or click on the link above to view the live presentation.

- **FY 27 Budget Update:**
  Superintendent Burke reviewed the $300,000 budget reduction summary with the board. There was a line-by-line review of the reductions, along with the opportunity for discussion and questions following each section. Click **HERE** to view the budget reduction summary that was presented to the board.

- **Superintendent's Annual Report:**
  Superintendent Burke presented the **Granby Public Schools 2025–2026 Year in Review**, highlighting key accomplishments, initiatives, and milestones from across the district during the school year. Board members were provided an overview of the district's progress and achievements. Click **HERE** to view the presentation that was shared.

Business Requiring Action:

- **Minutes: May 20, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting:**
  On a motion by Donna Nolan, seconded by John Limeburner, the May 20, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes were approved. (Joel Danke abstained)

Board Standing Committee Reports:

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication: This committee met tonight. Please click **HERE** to view the agenda and attachments.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities: No Updates.

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Other Board-Related Reports:
CREC/CABE: No Updates.
Granby Education Foundation: No Updates.

Public Comment:
Please note that the following summaries are intended to provide a general overview of each individual's remarks and are not verbatim transcripts. To hear each public comment in full and to view the complete meeting, please refer to the link above.

1. Brittany Davis - 88 Northwoods Rd. - She had questions concerning the funds from the State as to when and how they will be used. Then she requested a brief conversation with the board members after the board meeting.

2. Beth Carroll - Quail Lane - She stated she was displeased with the budget cuts. The budget presentation was not definitive enough from the beginning. She will be following up with the board on the year-end balance for July and the state statutes on contracts.

3. Maureen Eberly - Silkey Road - She asked about the status of EastConn and the three boards. She mentioned she had sent Heather Lombardo an email containing 12 budget reduction suggestions and expressed her willingness to meet and discuss those recommendations. She stated that residents can't afford the taxes and that the BOE needs to look carefully at how to spend the money.

4. Mike Kramarenko - 150 Notch Road - He spoke about an incident involving his daughter and other children at Granby Memorial Middle School. He expressed concerns regarding student safety and stated his belief that the school has not adequately protected students.

Superintendent's Report:
Response to some questions posed during Public Comment:

- All funds received from the State will be attributed to the Town of Granby and are expected to be received in October or November. The Board of Finance has indicated that a portion of these funds will be used to offset the taxpayer mill rate, with any remaining funds available for allocation at the discretion of the three boards. No decisions have been made at this time, and discussions are ongoing. As these are one-time funds, they cannot be used to support ongoing operating expenses.

- EASTCONN is one of the potential vendors being considered. The project will be a collaborative effort among the three boards and will include a review of both the Town of Granby and the Board of Education operations. The selected third-party consultant will conduct an audit of workflows and organizational processes and will provide recommendations to the joint board for consideration.

- A tech department can not certify state reports - it's illegal.

- The Superintendent expressed concern regarding what she described as significant misinformation and inaccuracies being circulated throughout the district, particularly on social media. She emphasized the importance of addressing these issues and requested the Board's support in helping ensure accurate information is shared with the community. The Superintendent also noted that confidential personnel and student matters cannot be discussed in a public Board of Education meeting. As a result, certain information cannot be disclosed or discussed in that setting.

Action Items:

- There are no action items at this time, however it was discussed to continue the conversation regarding the definition of bullying, the reporting process, and also the appeal process that is available to families.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods, the Granby Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 9:42 p.m. for discussion concerning the Superintendent's evaluation. Executive Session concluded at 9:56 p.m.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ann Woods, seconded by Joel Danke, the Board of Education adjourned, with all in favor, no discussion, at 9:56 p.m.

Recording by:
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Assistant to the Superintendent
and Assistant Superintendent

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To: Cheri P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools

From: Nickie Stevenson, Director of Finance & Operations

Re: May 2026 Budget Expense Report

Date: June 10, 2026

Please find attached the May 2026 budget expense report for the current fiscal year encompassing transactions through June 09, 2026.

Personnel and Program Accounts

Personnel and program expenditures continue to remain within the Board of Education's appropriated budget. Upon completion of all FY 2026 expenditures and the closure of outstanding purchase orders, a comprehensive review of budget activity across all schools and departments will be conducted.

Consistent with prior Board authorization, necessary line-item transfers within and between budget categories, including personnel and program accounts, are being processed to:

- address any negative balances,
- support unbudgeted needs and initiatives, and
- reallocate available funds to the OPEB account for prefunding purposes.

As part of this process, personnel account balances have been transferred to support the purchase of new and replacement furniture at both the middle school and high school. In addition, transfers to OPEB prefunding have already been completed and related funds encumbered.

Following the official close of FY 2026 during the summer months, final year-end financial reports will be presented to the Board of Education in September. These reports will include:

- the final operating results for FY 2026, and
- recommendations regarding the disposition of remaining non-designated funds, including any potential return of funds to the Town's General Fund and/or a transfer to the Board of Education Non-Lapsing Education Fund.

Quality and Diversity Fund (Q&D)

The fund is expected to end the year with a balance of approximately $450,000.

Reimbursement Revenue to the Town

The total reimbursement revenue to the Town for FY 2026 is anticipated to be $2,454,366, which is $192,555 more than originally budgeted.

PROGRAM ACCOUNTS

Granby Board of Education FY 2026
May 2026 Budget Expense Report

Row #	Description	Budget	Adjusted Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Balance	Combined % Expended and Encumbered
01	Communications	$92,889	$86,453	$67,037	$19,375	$40	100.0%
02	Conference & Travel	$53,994	$36,089	$31,140	$4,622	$327	99.1%
03	Dues and Fees	$40,012	$38,419	$36,100	$2,319	$0	100.0%
04	Equipment/Furniture	$9,500	$157,281	$9,777	$147,424	$81	99.9%
05	Legal Services/Insurance	$160,470	$153,555	$140,179	$13,196	$181	99.9%
06	Library/Media	$60,581	$59,226	$58,785	$367	$74	99.9%
07	Purchased Services	$1,212,475	$1,205,590	$974,515	$230,680	$395	100.0%
08	Repairs & Maintenance	$568,244	$595,019	$515,429	$78,632	$959	99.8%
09	Software	$500,305	$455,161	$417,172	$37,989	$0	100.0%
10	Special Education	$4,314,930	$4,554,993	$3,600,968	$943,719	$10,306	99.8%
11	Student Activities/Athletics	$415,776	$360,802	$281,928	$75,126	$3,748	99.0%
12	Supplies	$579,012	$550,734	$459,062	$91,553	$119	100.0%
13	Textbooks	$112,880	$103,464	$84,330	$19,135	$0	100.0%
14	Transportation	$1,232,920	$1,196,713	$961,108	$235,605	$0	100.0%
15	Tuition	$11,317	$11,021	$11,021	$0	$0	100.0%
16	Utilities	$852,044	$784,427	$645,475	$138,952	$0	100.0%
17	Unallocated Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	
	Program	**$10,217,348**	**$10,348,948**	**$8,294,026**	**$2,038,693**	**$16,229**	**99.8%**

PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS

Granby Board of Education FY 2026
May 2026 Budget Expense Report

Row #	Description	Budget	Adjusted Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Balance	Combined % Expended and Encumbered
18	Administration	$1,692,632	$1,734,772	$1,660,204	$74,568	$0	100.0%
19	Central Office	$598,191	$580,758	$547,076	$33,683	$0	100.0%
20	Certified Staff	$11,870,327	$11,855,877	$10,263,830	$1,579,865	$12,182	99.9%
21	Custodial and Maintenance	$1,533,303	$1,610,806	$1,525,712	$81,878	$3,217	99.8%
22	School Secretaries	$706,231	$728,691	$684,603	$44,088	$0	100.0%
23	Special Education	$4,819,753	$4,396,904	$4,033,346	$355,299	$8,259	99.8%
24	Student Activities/Athletics	$574,117	$535,786	$495,830	$34,863	$5,092	99.0%
25	Teaching Assistants	$445,622	$420,034	$400,686	$19,349	$0	100.0%
26	Technology Support Services	$274,096	$274,896	$259,455	$15,441	$0	100.0%
27	Tutors	$35,589	$23,814	$22,689	$1,125	$0	100.0%
28	Employee Benefits	$6,650,933	$6,906,855	$6,384,997	$521,858	$0	100.0%
29	Unallocated Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	
	Personnel	**$29,200,794**	**$29,069,194**	**$26,278,428**	**$2,762,017**	**$28,750**	**99.9%**
	100 General Fund	**$39,418,142**	**$39,418,142**	**$34,572,454**	**$4,800,709**	**$44,979**	**99.9%**

SPECIAL EDUCATION ACCOUNT DETAIL

Granby Board of Education FY 2026
May 2026 Budget Expense Report

Row #	Description	Budget	Adjusted Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Balance	Combined % Expended and Encumbered
01	Adminstrative/Certified	$2,296,877	$2,211,580	$1,969,769	$241,811	$0	100.0%
02	Secretaries	$110,692	$110,870	$103,687	$7,183	$0	100.0%
03	Support Services	$519,932	$466,309	$433,226	$33,083	$0	100.0%
04	Teaching Assistants	$1,830,695	$1,591,657	$1,520,434	$71,223	$0	100.0%
05	Tutors	$61,556	$16,488	$6,229	$2,000	$8,259	49.9%
	TOTAL PERSONNEL	**$4,819,753**	**$4,396,904**	**$4,033,346**	**$355,299**	**$8,259**	**99.8%**
06	Communications	$100	$116	$116	$0	$0	100.0%
07	Conference & Travel	$14,125	$9,666	$7,896	$1,717	$53	99.4%
08	Dues and Fees	$2,250	$1,790	$805	$250	$735	58.9%
09	Legal Services	$27,500	$10,604	$7,604	$3,000	$0	100.0%
10	Purchased Services	$182,017	$168,943	$123,154	$39,563	$6,225	96.3%
11	Software	$9,860	$8,799	$8,689	$110	$0	100.0%
12	Supplies/Textbooks	$51,950	$43,187	$33,037	$6,858	$3,292	92.4%
13	Transportation	$1,137,463	$1,186,152	$818,636	$367,516	$0	100.0%
14	Tuition	$2,889,666	$3,125,737	$2,601,032	$524,705	$0	100.0%
	TOTAL PROGRAM	**$4,314,930**	**$4,554,993**	**$3,600,968**	**$943,719**	**$10,306**	
	OVERALL TOTAL	**$9,134,683**	**$8,951,897**	**$7,634,314**	**$1,299,018**	**$18,564**	**99.8%**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Granby Board of Education FY 2026
May 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	$877,260	$33,335	-$843,925
B.E.A.R. Transition Academy Tuition*	$84,737	$55,578	$55,578	$0
Granby Alternative Program Tuition (GAP)*	$0	$28,020	$28,020	$0
Excess Cost Grant	$587,858	$770,836	$770,836	$0
Pay for Participation	$42,000	$59,600	$44,727	-$14,873
Totals	**$2,261,811**	**$2,454,366**	**$1,595,568**	**-$858,798**

*From Other Towns

QUALITY AND DIVERSITY FUND (Q&D)

Description	Budget	YTD	Difference (YTD vs. Budget)
Opening Balance	**$211,803**	-	-
Expenses	$984,237	$820,962	$163,275
Revenue	$969,686	$1,147,173	$177,487
Ending Balance	**$197,252**	**$538,015**	**$340,762**