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GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Granby, Connecticut
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, 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, David Peling, Ed.D., Liz Barlow, Ann Woods, and Andrew Billig.

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 7:03 p.m.

Chairperson's Report:
Chair Logan reviewed the important context regarding when the Board of Education meetings occur and that the board convenes to listen to reports from the superintendent, approve budgets and contracts, and handle necessary business tasks to ensure Granby schools run effectively. Board meetings are not public hearings but rather business meetings that are held publicly. She briefly reviewed legal standards surrounding FOIA and the need to follow the posted agenda following public comment. Residents may contact and engage with board members via email or other means outside of business meetings and may also make comments.

Chair Logan also thanked everyone who attended the public forum on Saturday, January 3, at the Senior Center. She noted that the forum was well attended and that the discussion was productive.

Awards and Recognition:
Students Cecelia Maulucci (Kindergarten), Alex Halsted (Grade 3), and Isabella Hurczyn (Grade 11) were recognized for their artwork, which was featured on the 2025 Granby district holiday labels and cards. Each student was presented with a certificate and a gift.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment this evening in person or via Zoom.

Student Representative Reports:
The following was reported by Madison Schantz:

- Track meets and Ice Hockey games were held during the winter break.
- High School midterms will take place next week.

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- The cast list for *The Little Mermaid* has been announced, and rehearsals will begin soon. The production will take place in March and will include an additional performance on Thursday evening.

Reports and Discussion:

- **Middle School Renovations and Athletic Facility:**
  - Chair Monica Logan discussed both items and reviewed the timeline of CPPAC meetings and discussions dating back to October 2025. She noted that there have been several quick pivots in decision-making regarding both items to best serve Granby taxpayers. At this time, there was insufficient information available to move forward with renovations at the middle school, which prompted a shift in focus toward the Athletic Fields. She stated that anyone with questions regarding CPPAC may email her, Cheri Burke, or Chris DeGray. The next CPPAC meeting is scheduled for January 26.
    - Heather Lombardo described the history of questions and needs regarding the athletic fields
    - Dave Peling commented that these updates are long overdue
    - Andrew Billig commented that new fields are an opportunity for revenue due to potential outside use
    - Monica Logan noted that $13.5 million in bonding is built into the town budget, leading to no increase in mill rate/taxes to the taxpayer
    - Andrew Billig asked if this means we go to bond for this amount, no matter what. Monica Logan responded no, and that multiple budget vote questions mean taxpayers can vote on different projects, and legally, we must follow their decisions.
    - Liz Barlow asked if the GMMS renovation would be postponed to the next bonding cycle. Monica Logan responded yes, and that we have more time to assess, plan, and Heather Lombardo added that there will be an opportunity to seek state reimbursement for the work.

Business Requiring Action:

- **December 17, 2025 Board of Education meeting minutes:**
  - On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Heather Lombardo, the December 17, 2025, meeting minutes were approved. Abstentions: Liz Barlow

- **Discuss and set a date for the 2026 graduating class:**
  - On a motion by Liz Barlow, she recommended June 12 as the graduation date. Following further discussion, she amended her motion to recommend June 11 as the 2026 graduation date. The amended motion was seconded by Donna Nolan.

- **Approval of Plus One Budget:**
  - Superintendent Burke shared this presentation with the Board.

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        - Ann Woods asked about the involvement of students in the implementation of an electronic hall pass system. Superintendent Burke stated that BOE is only approving the money at this point and that student voice will be involved at the building level before any implementation.
    - After the Board discussed the changes noted in the presentation, on a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods, the Granby Board of Education approved the Plus One Budget.

Board Standing Committee Reports:

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication - This committee met this evening. Please click HERE for the Assistant Superintendent's monthly report. Also, the committee approved the December 3rd meeting minutes and approved new textbooks for AP Statistics and AP Biology.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities— This committee will meet on January 21st.

Other Board-Related Reports:

- CREC/CABE - Chair Monica Logan shared that there are a variety of seminars being offered by CABE on budgeting. All information can be found on the CABE website.
- Granby Education Foundation - The Foundation met on December 16th and elected new board members. The Foundation is still seeking a volunteer to serve in a communications/website role. In addition, new grants were approved for the Valley Preschool and GMMS for mindfulness materials.

Superintendent's Report:
There were no additional updates from the Superintendent.

Action Items:
There were no action items presented to the Board.

Adjournment:
On a motion by David Peling and seconded by Donna Nolan, the Board of Education adjourned with all in favor, no discussion, at 8:52 pm.

Submitted by:
Elizabeth Barlow
Secretary, Granby Board of Education

Recording by:
Michelle L. Crowley
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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