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GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Granby, Connecticut
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes
(subject to approval)

The Granby Board of Education's regular meeting was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 15-B N. Granby Road, and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

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

ALSO PRESENT: 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.

Chairperson's Report: Heather Lombardo, Vice Chair
- After a third town vote, the Budget has passed. More will be discussed later in the agenda.
- She had the privilege of joining the Retiree/25-Year Luncheon, and she was honored to be in attendance to celebrate these employees.

Student Representative Reports:
Madison's Updates:
- The baseball team played at Dunkin' Donuts Park today against East Granby and won!
- The prom held last week was a great success, and everyone enjoyed the evening.
- NGSS Science testing starts next week.
- June 11th is graduation day!

Reports and Discussion:
- **Schools in the Spotlight - Granby Memorial High School:**
  Dr. Dill and her student presenters, Ryleigh, Emma, and Jocelyn, presented to the Board. Please click **here** to view the slide presentation or click on the link above to view the live presentation.

- **Non-Lapsing Education Account Fund Balance:**
  Director of Finance and Operations Nickie Stevenson reviewed the Non-Lapsing Education Account Fund Balance memo for FY 26. To view the memo, please click **here.**

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- **FY 27 Budget Update:**
  Following the third referendum, the budget was passed. The Board of Education must now reduce the budget by an additional $300,000. Patience was requested during this process. Areas discussed for possible reductions included positions such as the Dean of Students at GMHS, an Administrative Assistant at Central Office, and an Administrative Assistant at the building level. There was also discussion regarding sharing expenses with the Town for the School Resource Officer position. The Board engaged in an open discussion on the topic and invited ideas and suggestions moving forward.

Business Requiring Action:

- **Approval of Healthy Foods Certification - 2026-2027:**
  On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods, the Healthy Foods Certification for SY 26-27 was approved. (Dave Peling submitted a No vote.)

- **Approval of Food and Beverage Exemptions - 2026-2027:**
  On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Andrew Billig, the Food and Beverage Exemptions for SY 26-27 were approved.

- **Director of Finance and Operations Report - March 2026 and April 2026 Expense Reports:**
  - On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by John Limeburner, the March 2026 Expense Report was approved.
  - On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods, the April 2026 Expense Report was approved.

- **Minutes: May 6, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting:**
  On a motion by Donna Nolan, seconded by Andrew Billig, the amended minutes with the spelling error fixed for the May 6, 2026, Board of Education meeting were approved.

- **UPSEA (United Public Service Employees Union) Contract:**
  On a motion by Ann Woods, and seconded by Donna Nolan, the UPSEU, Local 424, Unit 61 Custodial and Maintenance Employees contract for 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030 was approved.

- **CABE Policy 5144.12 - Restorative Practices:**
  On a motion by John Limeburner, and seconded by Ann Woods, the Granby Board of Education adopted CABE Policy 5144.2 Restorative Practices as written.

Board Standing Committee Reports:

- Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication: This committee will meet on June 3, 2026.
- Finance/Personnel/Facilities: This committee met tonight. Donna Nolan reviewed the **agenda** with the full board and what they discussed.

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

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

1. Mike Kramerenko - Granby Resident - He voiced concerns, such as: the shortage of teachers and bus drivers, verbal assaults on the bus drivers and teachers, inappropriate music and language are used after school at practices and on buses, lack of consequences for students, and concerns about the delay of budget cut proposals and the Superintendent contract.

2. John Spatcher - 22 Roundhill Road - He discussed reviewing line items that were not fully expended in the 2025–2026 budget to identify possible reductions for next year. He also discussed accelerating the process of implementing shared positions with the Town. In addition, there was discussion regarding whether non-lapsing funds could be used to help offset budget cuts for next year.

3. Maureen Eberly - (ZOOM) - Silkey Road - She voiced concerns, such as: EastConn and the Three Boards, and the money being spent on this venture. Would East Granby and Granby students be able to go to each other's high school to share in different classes that aren't offered at one or the other? Concerns over the Superintendent's evaluation.

4. Beth Carroll - (ZOOM) - Quail Lane - She stated that she felt the meeting was run more like a teachers' union meeting than a Board of Education meeting. She said the Board of Education needs to represent the taxpayers and recognize the mandate put forth by the Town and taxpayers. She also stated that she submitted a FOIA request regarding Superintendent Burke's contract on April 30, 2026, and that she would be following up after Memorial Day.

5. Jessica - (ZOOM) - No Address given - She stated that she is a bus driver and that the buses are not empty, and that she agrees that GPS is lean on their buses. She also expressed appreciation for the early release due to the heat. In addition, she shared concerns about her child being bullied and stated that there has been no response from the school administration.

6. Corrine DelGallo - (ZOOM) - 315 N. Granby Road - She thanked the Board for their discussion regarding the budget cuts and acknowledged that it is a complicated process. She expressed concern about class sizes and stated that she believes classes should be smaller, especially at the elementary level. She also stated that she does not want strings to be cut from her child's learning experience at school. She again thanked the Board and expressed appreciation for their work

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Superintendent's Report:

Asst. Superintendent Parsons shared the updates this evening.

- We had an early dismissal today due to the extreme heat.
- We recently honored our retirees and 25-year employees.
- The School Climate surveys close on May 22nd.
- The GMHS Art and Choral Concert is scheduled for tomorrow night.
- Our 8th graders are currently on a field trip visiting Washington, D.C.
- GPS will have a half-day on Friday, May 22nd, for a Teacher PD day, and schools are closed on Monday, May 25th, for the Memorial Day holiday.
- In June, there will be two BOE meetings - June 3rd and June 17th.

Action Items:

- There are no action items at this time.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Donna Nolan and seconded by Ann Woods, the Granby Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. for discussion concerning the Superintendent's evaluation. Executive Session concluded at 10:25 p.m.

Adjournment:

On a motion by David Peling, seconded by Andrew Billig, the Board of Education adjourned, with all in favor, no discussion, at 10:25 pm.

Recording by:
Michelle L. Crowley
Assistant to the Superintendent
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