

**GRANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**217 NORTH MAIN STREET**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 @ 6:45 PM**  
**GRANTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**I. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Verification of Notice to Public
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Approval of Agenda
- F. Consent Agenda
  - a. Previous Minutes
  - b. Financial Reports
- G. Other
  - a. Spotlight on Education
    - i. Student of the Month
    - ii. Staff of the Month

**II. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE INPUT/REMARKS**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Check Register
- B. Start College Now & Early College Credit
- C. 2026-27 School Calendar
- D. CESA10 2026-27 Service Contract
- E. Referendum Discussion
- F. Personnel

**V. OTHER REPORTS**

- A. School Board Committee Reports
- B. Principal's Report
- C. Superintendent's Report
- D. Other

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing/taking action under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
- B. Return to Open Session

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting notice may be supplemented in order to comply with Wisconsin's open meetings law. If this notice is supplemented, the final notice will be posted and provided to the media no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting or no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting, in the event of an emergency.

## **I. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### I.A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Sheryl Young.

### I.B. Roll Call

Doug Eichten - here, Mark Elmhorst - absent, Jamie Elmhorst - here, Erica Bender - absent, Sheryl Young - here. Also present was District Administrator Nancy Popp, Principal Joshua Zahl, Student Council Representative Mindy Dix, District Administrative Assistant Char Johnson, and 17 community/staff members. Mark Elmhorst arrived at 6:49.

### I.C. Verification of Notice to Public

Notice to Public was posted at the Granton School, Citizen's State Bank, Granton Post Office, the school website and published in the TRG.

### I.D. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sheryl Young.

### I.E. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Douglas Eichten and seconded by Jamie Elmhorst. Voice vote. Motion carried.

### I.F. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes of the regular board meeting, minutes of the special board meetings, and review of financial reports. This motion, made by Jamie Elmhorst and seconded by Douglas Eichten. Voice vote. Motion carried.

### I.G. Other

#### I.G.a. Spotlight on Education

##### I.G.a.i. Student of the Month

Students of the Month are: Elementary - Carstyn Moeller (4K-K), Kinsley Hale (1-2), Cristal Hernandez (3-4) Ethan Elmhorst (5-6); MS - Nathan Schoessow (7-8); and HS - Taylor Hensiak - (9-10) and Tasha Shadrick (11-12).

##### I.G.a.ii. Staff of the Month

Laurie Falk is the Staff Person of the Month.

## **II. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE INPUT/REMARKS**

The Student Council Representative reported on 1) Student Council has an upcoming activity planned for St. Patrick's Day as well as doing gifts for teacher appreciation week. Student Council scholarship applications will be going out soon. 2) FFA recently completed Leadership Development Events (LDEs) in Neillsville. Parli Pro won 1st place and Quiz Bowl received 2nd place. Both teams will be moving on to the next round of competition. Next week members will be celebrating FFA week by having dress up days and lunch activities. FFA is also running a Cans for Kids event where students bring in cans throughout the week of FFA week. Cans will be taken in for money to donate. 3) Visioneers will have a glazing night February 18th from 3:30-5 p.m. 4) NHS just completed their Valentine's Day fundraiser and will be filling order to go out February

13th. They also ran the concession stand at the Bulldog Bash. 5) Girls middle school basketball game is tomorrow night in Greenwood at 4:30, girls varsity hockey game is at Black River Falls on Feb 12th at 7:00 p.m. and Boys varsity basketball game is also Feb 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Greenwood.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **IV.A. Check Register**

Motion to approve checks 47806 through 47867 and wire transfers 202500136 through 202500158 for \$161,168.72. This motion, made by Douglas Eichten and seconded by Mark Elmhorst. Voice vote. Motion carried.

#### **IV.B. District Report Card/AGR report**

Mr. Zahl reported on the AGR report for the results for the fall semester. He explained that we use the state mandated AIMSwebPlus assessment for grades 4K-3 for reading and that we use Fastbridge for 4K-11 math assessments and grades 4-11 reading assessments. Currently, 79% of Kindergarten students are on track for reading and 79% are on track for math. 69% of first grade students are on track for reading and 75% are on track for math. 75% of second grade students are on track for reading and 69% are on track for math. 62% of third grade students are on track for reading and 57% are on track for math. Mr. Zahl also described the strategies we have implemented to help students and that and student in grades K-3 that are below the 25th percentile nationally will have a personalized reading plan implemented.

#### **IV.C. School Bus Use for FFA Alumni Event**

Motion to approve the use of school buses for the FFA Alumni Dairy breakfast on May 31, 2026. This motion, made by Mark Elmhorst and seconded by Douglas Eichten. Voice vote. Motion carried.

#### **IV.D. Referendum Discussion**

Mrs. Popp reported that she will be attending township meetings as time permits. There is also an informational meeting on Feb 23rd and March 23rd here at school. She talked about the mill rate changes and how those change relative to property values. The link to the referendum page will be going live soon. Mailers are also being worked on. Someone suggested maybe having some action committees. A question was raised about what happens if the referendum fails and that was discussed.

#### **IV.E. Personnel**

Discussion on personnel items moved to Executive Session.

### **V. OTHER REPORTS**

#### **V.A. School Board Committee Reports**

Mark Elmhorst reported on Elementary basketball and Doug Eichten reported about the School Board Convention that he attended.

#### **V.B. Principal's Report**

Mr. Zahl reported on recent events including AimswebPlus winter testing, semester finals, an internet safety presentation that our middle school music students attended in Neillsville, spelling bee, lockdown drill, Bulldog bash, elementary data day, honor roll assembly and kids heart challenge. He also reported on some upcoming events including the winter Olympic thematic unit, Practice ACT, Mid-term for quarter 3, parent teacher conferences on 2/26 and FFA trivia night on 2/27. Spring break for kids on 3/5 and 3/6 (teacher in

service on 3/5) and the field trip to the International Festival of Minnesota. Mr. Zahl also reported that a crisis team meeting was held following the lockdown drill, and he was the mystery reader on January 29th.

#### V.C. Superintendent's Report

1) Mrs. Popp reported on the hiring of an Elementary Special Education teacher, Ms. Jensen. We are continuing to look for a music teacher for the 2026-27 school year. 2) Doug has found a company to work with that have been helpful with working on a couple of issues with the electric buses. He was able to fix the error codes that were coming up. 3) Thank you to the Village of Granton and Township of Grant for being willing to help keep the hill by the church salted or sanded.

#### V.D. Other

### VI. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### VII.A. Convene in Executive Session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c).

Motion to convene in Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussing/taking action under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This motion, made by Jamie Elmhorst and seconded by Mark Elmhorst. Roll call vote. Erica Bender: Absent, Douglas Eichten: Yea, Jamie Elmhorst: Yea, Mark Elmhorst: Yea, Sheryl Young: Yea. Motion carried.

#### VII.B. Return to Open Session

Motion to move from Executive Session to Regular Session at 8:33 p.m. This motion, made by Mark Elmhorst and seconded by Jamie Elmhorst. Roll call vote. Erica Bender: Absent, Douglas Eichten: Yea, Jamie Elmhorst: Yea, Mark Elmhorst: Yea, Sheryl Young: Yea. Motion carried.

School Board Clerk Douglas Eichten reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion to approve hiring Hannah Jensen as Special Education Teacher. This motion, made by Jamie Elmhorst and seconded by Mark Elmhorst. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of childcare worker Mariah Seagren and to thank her for her service. This motion, made by Mark Elmhorst and seconded by Jamie Elmhorst. Voice vote. Motion carried.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. This motion, made by Mark Elmhorst and seconded by Jamie Elmhorst. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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Sheryl Young, President

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Douglas Eichten, Clerk

Acct Nbr	Account Level	Description	Trans Date	Batch	Cash Acct	Amount
	Description				Code	
80 R 800 272 391000 000		DAYCARE CASH & CHKS	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	6,392.07
21 R 800 279 500000 039	School Store	CASH & CHK	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	189.00
50 R 800 251 500000 000	PUPIL LUNCH	CASH & CHKS	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	2,651.75
21 R 800 279 500000 038	Yearbook	YEARBOOK CASH & CHK	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	110.00
21 R 800 279 500000 032	Travel Club	TRAVEL CLUB	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	96.00
21 R 800 279 500000 023	FFA	FFA LOCK IN	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	130.00
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	VILLAGE OF GRANTON TAXES	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	26,850.25
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	TOWN OF GRANT TAXES	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	86,439.15
10 E 800 411 256210 000	SUPPLIES	DUPLICATE PAYMENT-REFUNDED (ASCENDENCE)	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	522.02
10 R 800 630 500000 000	STUDENT PERFORMANCE ASSMNT AID	CAREER PREP MINI GRANT	02/23/2026	25-00050	GEN1	2,400.00
80 R 800 272 391000 000		DAYCARE CASH & CHKS	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	6,496.76
50 R 800 251 500000 000	PUPIL LUNCH	LUNCH MONEY CASH & CHKS	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	2,870.75
21 R 800 279 500000 028	National Honor Society	NHS-BULL DOG BASH START UP MONEY 50 PLUS	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	613.00
21 R 800 279 500000 023	FFA	FFA TRIVIA NIGHT	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	930.00
21 R 800 279 500000 023	FFA	FFA RODEO	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	842.00
21 R 800 279 500000 038	Yearbook	YEARBOOK CASH AND CHKS	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	126.00
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	TOWN OF YORK TAXES	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	48,982.10
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	TOWN OF FREEMONT TAXES	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	49,304.04
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	TOWN OF SHERWOOD TAXES	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	794.87
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	TOWN OF WASHSBURN TAXES	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	519.15
10 R 800 211 500000 000	PROPERTY TAXES	TOWN OF LYNN TAXES	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	190,667.59
80 E 800 411 391000 700	HQC Daycare Supplies	AMAZON REFUND	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	386.74
10 R 800 299 500000 000	MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL REVENUE	ALLIED COOPERATIVE PATRONAGE CHECK	02/26/2026	25-00051	GEN1	261.55
Total for Cash Receipts						428,574.79

FUND SUMMARY

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10	GENERAL FUND	0.00	406,218.70	522.02	406,740.72
21	TRUST FUNDS	0.00	3,036.00	0.00	3,036.00
50	FOOD SERVICE FUND	0.00	5,522.50	0.00	5,522.50
80	COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	0.00	12,888.83	386.74	13,275.57
***	Fund Summary Totals ***	0.00	427,666.03	908.76	428,574.79

\*\*\*\*\* End of report \*\*\*\*\*