

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

PUBLIC FORUM

Minutes

February 10, 2009

Voted and approved April 9, 2009

The forum was held in the Greenfield Middle School auditorium and began at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dalton Athey; committee members: Greg Aubin, Maryelen Calderwood, Doris Doyle, Donovan Eastman, John Lunt. Also present, Interim Superintendent Hollins and approximately 30 members of the public including the press.

Public comment:

Chairman Athey opened the meeting, welcomed the audience, and provided guidelines for comments. He cautioned that students and teachers should not be named and discussed.

People who signed up and addressed the committee: A total of twelve parents, teachers and community leaders: Sue Gonsalus, Newton Street parent; Suzanne Schropfer, GMS teacher; Suzanne Pitrat, Federal Street teacher; Jennifer Bresciano, Newton St. parent; Scott Cote, parent; Tara Cloutier, parent, teacher and Federal Street PTO chair; Jason Schneider, GMS teacher/floor leader; Nancy Conant, GMS teacher; Isaac Mass, parent and former Councilor; Tim Farrell, current Councilor; Beth Adams, citizen; Erica Burns, North Parish PTO chair.

Comments from speakers included positive impressions of the current state of the schools and academic programs that have been introduced this year as well as lingering concerns at the elementary level about sharing one principal across three buildings and requests for better communication and long-range planning. The majority of speakers had praise and support for Greenfield teachers.

At the close of the meeting, Interim Superintendent Hollins commented that in a public forum, it is important to consider and separate the concern about an issue someone might have from the individuals who work for the school system.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Day  
Recording Secretary