

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Greenfield Community Television (GCTV)

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Minutes

Voted and approved July 9, 2009

Present: Chairman Athey & members Aubin, Calderwood, Doyle, Eastman, Mayor Forgey. Also present, the Superintendent, the City finance administrator/treasurer, members of the public and press.

- I. Call to Order.
Chairman Athey called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
- II. Minutes. Passed to future meeting.
- III. Financial Report
The Superintendent explained the latest financial report, printed June 25th. The balance showing as of this date is not the year-end balance. There are quite a few items to post still. She specifically explained the lines for special education tuitions, maintenance, transportation, and homeless transportation. She explained remaining obligations.
- IV. ESCO: Comments by Finance Administrator Lane Kelly
Lane Kelly explained the ESCO plans. The city council chairman has taken an interest in high school renovation and is looking at windows and solar panels. All school buildings will have an investment grade audit in the very near future. Priority schools are Four Corners and the High School. The company completing the ESCO projects has Columbus Day as a target date for completing the work for Four Corners School.
- V. Budget for 2009-2010
The Superintendent reviewed the budget for 2009-2010 presented to the School Committee. It is similar to a prior version with a few changes noted: elementary administration, the cost of principals is divided among the three elementary schools. Adjustments for the decreased appropriation were primarily in the special education tuition line but this is not an approach that can be sustained. Mr. Eastman mentioned that there is no funding for a Superintendent search. After discussion, the Superintendent recommended creating a budget line for Superintendent search and fund it with \$1.00, leaving these decisions for a later time. The committee agreed.

Motion by Mayor Forgey; 2nd Doyle: To accept the budget as presented by the Superintendent and with the document the committee had

presented tonight, and accept the cost centers (in bold) and the bottom line. Passed: 5:1 with Calderwood voting no.

Motion by Mayor Forgey, 2nd Doyle: To request the city establish a Transportation Revolving Fund for specific receipts and expenditures related to school transportation programs and services. Passed. Unanimous.

Motion by Mayor Forgey; 2nd Eastman: To authorize the Superintendent to transfer funds from the 2008-2009 year-end general fund balance back to the Circuit Breaker Revolving Fund 1515 in an amount up to \$350,000. Passed. Unanimous.

Motion by Calderwood; 2nd Aubin: For the Superintendent to report back to the committee on status of regionalization grant at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn and there was a request for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

VI. Non-Public Session

At 7:50 p.m., **Motion by Aubin; 2nd Mayor Forgey: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual and litigation matters with attorneys.** Following a roll call vote that was unanimous, the committee entered executive session with attorneys.

Motion by Aubin; 2nd Eastman: To authorize Attorney Peter Smith to work with the offices of Sullivan & Hayes. Passed. Unanimous.

Motion by Athey; 2nd Eastman: For the Greenfield School Committee to ratify the paraprofessional contract. Passed. Unanimous. Mr. Athey will sign for the school committee.

Motion by Mayor Forgey; 2nd Doyle: To exit executive session. Roll call vote was unanimous.

VII. **Motion by Mayor Forgey; 2nd Doyle: To adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hollins
Interim Superintendent