

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

January 28, 2010

6:00 p.m. Library, Greenfield High School

Approved February 11, 2010

Present: Chairperson Doris Doyle (DD), Committee Members: Marcia Day (MD), Maryelen Calderwood (MC), John Lunt (JL), Dalton Athey (DA), (KM), Keith McCormic (KM) arrived 6:17 p.m.), Mayor William Martin (MM) arrived at 7:55 p.m.,

Also Present: Susan Hollins, M. Lane Kelly, Kathi Titus, press,

I. **Call to order:** Chair person Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. **Work session Discussion Topics**

• **Superintendent Evaluation Summary**

Because legal counsel wasn't at meeting due to weather and the meeting was not being televised, there was much discussion as to whether or not to read the evaluation summary. SH expressed her disappointment. MC suggested that evaluation summary be read into the record and voted.

JL read evaluation summary document into the record; **KM motioned to approve as read, DA 2nd.**

MC moved to amend document to remove last sentence in 3rd paragraph; DA 2nd; five in favor (MM, MC, DA, KM, JL) 1 against, (MD); motion to amend carries.

Motion to approve and amended passed unanimously

• **Attorney for SBS construction**

Discussion about what legal services are needed for SBA project, beginning with the review of the compliance form, and estimated cost (\$10,000) Superintendent recommended the firm of Kopelman and Paige, P.C. DA wanted to talk with a representative first. JL recommended DA call Friday, 1/29/10 and report back to the chair with a go/no go recommendation. **Consensus to move forward dependent on the conversation/recommendation from DA**

• **Initiatives and recommendations for the 2010-2011 budget**

SH presented a FY budget calendar and budget planning initiatives. Lengthy discussion ensued most notably around pursuing the Virtual School initiative with the company, K12. SH indicated there were other vendors from CA and TX that she had contacted. SH to provide names to the committee. **Consensus to have K12 come to make a presentation to SH, MM, DD and members of the Tech subcommittee. Scheduled for Thursday, February 4th.**

- Departure from agenda here to discuss posting meeting as a "work session". After much discussion, all agreed that, given the purpose of all meetings were to conduct SC business; from this day forward postings would no longer be labeled "work session".

• **Business Manager position**

SH reviewed the Business Manager search up to this point. She referred to document outlining 42 specific responsibilities that would fall under the purview of the Business Manager demonstrating that requirements were too overwhelming for just one person. SH referred to discussions with the Mayor about how to create efficiencies by combining like financial services/responsibilities between

Town and Schools; also looking at refining current processes. SH presented her proposal to hire 1.3 personnel to split the work; a Business Manager (1FTE) would be hired for the schools and District would contribute \$\$ toward the .3 person who would be located on the town side but continue to report to the Superintendent on assigned duties. Additional discussion about the pros and cons of this collaboration. Previously MM, DD and SH held interviews and narrowed the field down to two candidates; M. Lane Kelly and Liz Gilman.

KM moved to have the SC direct the Superintendent to submit a formal proposal to fill positions, complete with job descriptions. MC 2nd.

SH recommended that the SC interview each candidate and provide her with their yeas or nays.

JL moved to amend primary motion to accept Superintendents split model and requested that those job descriptions be given to the committee no later than Monday (February 1, 2010) and candidates be presented at a special meeting Wednesday, February 3rd for interview. MC 2nd; four in favor (JL, MD, KM, DD); three against (DA, MC, MM); Motion carries.

Additional discussion ensued; **JL called the question for the primary motion. Four in favor (ML, KM, MD, MM); one against (MC) one abstention (DA); Motion carries.**

- **Transportation contract**

SH reviewed contract points. Recommendation was made to add sidebar to the contract.

**MM motioned to authorize superintendent to sign contract; DA 2nd
KM moved to amend motion to include sidebar; MD 2nd and take action. Amendment passed unanimously; main motion passed unanimously.**

- **Facility use, issues and policy**

MD asked committee members to review current facility use policy and compare to that of Medway School District. Will discuss at next meeting.

- **Executive Session guidelines**

SH referred to packet information reviewing open meeting laws and Executive Session guidelines.

JL motioned to move to adjourn; DA 2nd Unanimous

III. Adjournment (9:15 p.m.)