

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**February 11, 2010**

**7:00 p.m. Library, Greenfield High School**

**Approved on March 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)  
Mayor William Martin (MM)

**Also Present:** Susan Hollins, Peter Smith, Esq., Kathi Titus, press,

I. Call to order: Chair person Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Meeting began with a musical selection (theme from Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> symphony) played by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade concert band led by Maria Scotera. Roll called.

II. Approval of Minutes

- January 14<sup>th</sup> Minutes: changes:
  - Page 2 in paragraph above "B"....motion should read "Move to forego a search for a new superintendent for the time being and *attempt to enter into....*"
  - Page 2 under C, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence should read, "MD explains she has been following the national debate and it seems the goals are *to improve the urban school performance and decrease the achievement gap.*" **JL moved; MD 2<sup>nd</sup>: to approve the minutes of January 14, 2010 as amended. Passed 5:1 (1 abstention (MC)**
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes: changes:
  - Section II, first bullet; end of first sentence should read "*...whether or not to read the evaluation summary...*"
  - Section II, third bullet, second sentence; typo....*pursing* should be *pursuing*
  - Section II, fourth bullet, last sentence on page should read "*...SH presented her proposal to .....*" (*remove "for a"*)
  - Final motion to adjourn; JL 2<sup>nd</sup> should read *DA 2<sup>nd</sup>* **JL moved; MD 2<sup>nd</sup>: to approve the minutes of January 28, 2010 as amended. Passed unanimous**

III. Reports:

Chair Report: None

Superintendent Report:

- Six new students registered in the Greenfield Schools today!
- Shared highlights of the Town Crier article on the Middle School Program.
- RE: Tech School Visit/Issue – All GHS students parents were contacted to ensure they were aware that students could visit the Tech School; approximately 50 students attended.

Committee(s) Report:

- See Policies below

IV. Old Business

a. Policies: MD noted this was second reading of Facilities policies. All recommended changes were incorporated, additions were highlighted in yellow and strike outs indicate verbiage that was removed. MD read each policy into the record.

1. FA; Facilities Development Goals, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for wording and adoption  
Overall comment; capitalize Committee and/or School Committee...
2. FCB: Retirement of Facilities, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for wording and adoption

Change: Third paragraph, first sentence should read “Professional advice and the advice of the community before...”

3. FCC: Temporary Closings, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for wording and adoption

MC recommended adding last sentence read “...The committee will be extremely cautious in the future when considering a decision to *temporarily* close...”

**KM moved; MM 2<sup>nd</sup>: to approve policies FA, FCB, and FCC as read. Passed unanimous**

MD noted that the next batch of policies to be reviewed/modified will be governance specifically BAA – self-evaluation of the School Committee. She will get these out shortly along with a questionnaire that will need to be filled out (BAA-E).

- b. First review of Superintendent’s Budget; Superintendent presented her proposed budget draft for FY 2010-2011. She reviewed the process taken to arrive at the budget, reminded the Committee of a requirement to publish the budget in the newspaper within the next week. She went through each section of the proposed draft sharing information behind any changes made from current year. Many questions and much discussion throughout. Superintendent provided her notes in writing and they were part of the presentation package. (Cell error on page one noted). **DA moved; MC 2<sup>nd</sup>: to instruct the Superintendent to post this budget in the newspaper to satisfy the legal requirement. Passed unanimous.**
- c. Business Manager Position: After some discussion about the position itself; **JL moved; KM 2<sup>nd</sup>: that the SC support the candidate, Liz Gilman as Business Manager.** Short discussion ensued. **Passed unanimous.**

Additional discussion about the position of Associate Business Manager. Clarification made that this would be a .3 position involving consolidated responsibilities (decided cooperatively by the Superintendent and the Mayor). These subcontracted responsibilities will be absorbed by a certified school business manager/city finance manager; the employee would report to the Superintendent for those responsibilities and would receive a stipend from the School Dept. for same. MC stressed that there should be a candidate selection process for this position. JL recommended that the Superintendent and Mayor work out the details and bring forward a more developed idea for this position.

V. Other; Executive Session

**MC moved; MD 2<sup>nd</sup>: to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining and contract negotiation with non-union personnel. Roll call vote passed unanimous**

VI. The committee ended Executive Session at 9:45pm.