

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2010

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

Approved on May 13, 2010

Present: Chairperson Doris Doyle (DD), Committee Members: Keith McCormic (KM) Marcia Day (MD), Dalton Athey (DA), Mayor William Martin (MM). Also Present: Superintendent Susan Hollins, Principal Donna Woodcock, and Guest Presenters from the firms giving informational presentations.

I. Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair person Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. Vote on Math and Science Advanced Placement Grant:

The Superintendent reviewed the grant, highlighting the grant's budget and the district's expected actual expenses. She recommended that Greenfield High School become an Advanced Placement Math/Science High School. The grant provides funding for math and science teachers to receive training to offer Advanced Placement courses, and provides incentives for both students and teachers. **KM motioned, MD 2nd: To authorize the Superintendent and Chairperson to sign the agreement.**

Discussion: KM had two questions: 1. Regarding \$3,000 expense for transportation; is that included on our budget or will we have to go to the town for additional moneys? 2. Potential costs for teacher training and recruiting stipends? Principal Woodcock responded and explained that a lead teacher will be coming to Greenfield to train our teachers so there will be no expense. There will be no expense to Greenfield for recruiting. The grant program staff has already given a presentation at the GHS to students, parents, and staff. **Motion passed unanimously.**

III. Presentations on Building Renovation Technology:

The evening's meeting was designed to help the school committee better understand current design and technology for today's school buildings. She stressed that these presentations are not part of a selection process. The general idea is for the committee/ public to increase their knowledge of the ideas and technologies available in the 21st century as we head toward the renovation of our high school.

The following architecture groups gave presentations, showed slides, and answered questions from members of the school committee:

- John Oliveto; Fletcher-Thompson, Inc., Hartford, CT
- Duncan McClelland; Flansburgh Associates, Inc., Boston, MA
- Laura Wernick, HMFH Architects, Inc., Cambridge, MA

IV. Other

The Superintendent gave a brief report mentioning:

- New Volunteer Program in place; passed out brochure
- Tutoring Program spearheaded by Gail Lucey is now being implemented—this program is offered after school and on Saturday mornings using outside vendors

Mayor Martin would like more information to clarify a Recorder article on drop-outs. The Superintendent offered to investigate how statistics were calculated but said in the prior year the number of drop-outs at the high school were fewer than 5—a very low percent. .

KM asked that Innovation Schools be included on future agendas

- V. **JL motioned; MD 2nd to adjourn. Unanimous; motion passes.** Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.