

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

WORK SESSION

July 30, 2009
6:00 p.m.
141 Davis Street

MINUTES

Approved August 13, 2009

Present: Chair Doyle; Members, Athey, Day, Lunt, Mayor Martin, McCormic. Also present: Interim Superintendent Hollins and Attorney Smith.

- I. Call to Order. Following roll call and determining a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Chairperson Doris Doyle.
- II. Non-public Session with Attorney regarding contracts and negotiations. Motion by Mayor; 2nd McCormic: To enter Non-public Session for stated purposes. Roll call vote. All yes.

Attorney Smith reviewed prior and current actions. The school committee requested more information and follow up.

Motion by McCormic; 2nd Mayor: To exit executive session. Passed. Unanimous.

- III. Discussion Topics
 - A. Update Virtual School: Additional and new information was shared, including comments of administrators at DESE and legislators. There is a need for additional information. Members and the Superintendent will follow up.
 - B. Update Negotiating Committee. Negotiations procedures for the year were discussed briefly. The chairman has appointed Dalton Athey to chair the negotiating committee. Other members are Chair Doris Doyle and Mayor Martin.
 - C. Open Enrollment. According to statistics which the Superintendent monitors and shared, enrollments have stabilized and for the first time in years show an increase. The North Parish program has benefitted from wrap-around services that parents need and which allow parents to bring children at 7:30 a.m. and stay until late. Parents seem to want some of the new programs in the school district (K-12).

- D. Update Autism. The Superintendent reviewed the autism contract and program being put into motion by Kathi Titus and reviewed by Peter Smith. This \$500,000 program serves quite severely involved children through SD Associates of Vermont. The district has a year's experience with this group and children are changing, developing. Having a program locally, in the end, is thought to benefit more students than if children are institutionalized. The committee asked if more children could be served, e.g. tuition students. Yes. The program is designed for up to 10 students. The tuition would be approximately \$80,000/child.
- E. Other. The Chairman appointed Donna Woodcock to serve on the city's planning and construction committee.

IV. Motion to adjourn by Mayor Martin; 2nd McCormic. All in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Next meeting: August 13, 2009
Thursday
GCTV, 6:00 p.m.

Agenda to Include:

Changes in Programs and Locations

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Hollins
Interim Superintendent