

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**HEALTH, SAFETY, & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES: January 7, 2020**

Greenfield Public Schools Central Office, 195 Federal Street, Greenfield, MA 01301

**Present:** Katie Caron (KC), Chair; Susan Hollins (SH)

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Eliza Calkins, Food and Nutrition Services Director; Jordana Harper, Superintendent; Karin Patenaude, GHS Principal; Deb Potee (joined meeting at 1:25 p.m.), GHS School Adjustment Counselor; Scott Rice (joined meeting at 1:25 p.m.), GHS School Psychologist; Kelly Savitri, GHS Nurse

**I. Call to Order**

With a quorum present (KC, SH), KC opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

None.

**III. Update on Green River School Heating**

Superintendent Harper gave an update on Green River School Heating.

- Procurement process for heating the building is handled by the city
- City has requested additional details on potential program to be housed at Green River School; Superintendent Harper is continuing to update the programmatic proposal (a proposal has gone to the School Committee previously)

**IV. Review of Health Curriculum**

Counselor Potee explained the need for a formal condom distribution protocol at GHS now that the new health curriculum is in place.

- Other schools in the area have such a protocol; GHS does not want to have to depend on outside agencies for distribution
- Condoms would only be distributed by trained staff members (e.g., counselors, health teachers, etc.)
- The purchase of condoms could possibly be paid for through grant funding
- As with the new health curriculum, parents will be given the option to opt out of having this service available to their children

**Consensus to present this information as an informational item (as opposed to a question item) to the full School Committee, covering details on the rollout of the condom distribution program (including methods of access and parents' rights to opt out).**

**V. School Lunch Program Update and Prices**

Director Calkins informed the subcommittee that the federal guidelines for the average price per meal are changing, so in order to remain in compliance, GPS needs to increase its lunch prices. Based on past experience, Director Calkins does not anticipate that this increase will decrease overall participation in the lunch program.

- Increasing the price by \$.25 next year (as opposed to \$.10 next year and then \$.15 the following year) may mean prices will not need to increase the following year
- The USDA percent increase changes each year

- The increase in price will not affect the current reduced lunch price of \$.40

**Consensus to suggest the \$.25 increase to full School Committee.**

**VI. Nursing Services**

**Consensus to table to next meeting.**

**VII. New Business Items**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

KC closed the meeting at 2:04 p.m.