

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES: Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Greenfield High School, 21 Barr Ave., Greenfield MA
Approved 04.11.18**

Present: Don Alexander (DA); Katie Caron (KC); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Jordana Harper, Superintendent (JH); Adrienne Nunez (AN); William Martin (WM) (arrived 6:38).

Absent: Susan Hollins (SH); Cameron Ward (CW).

Also present:

GHS student representatives Dylan Badillo and Anthony Bohannon; Kia Burton-King, parent; Anna Marchefka, GMS teacher; Atty. Gordon Quinn; other school staff and citizens.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (DA, KC, SE, AN), Chair Nunez opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

KC moved to approve minutes of February 14, 2018. SE 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. SE moved to approve minutes of February 28, 2018. KC 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Anna Marchefka, GMS teacher, described a positive day with GMS students observing “Acts of Service and Kindness.”

Kia Burton-King, parent and GPS employee, expressed gratitude for planning for students’ safety in today’s walk-out. Looks for opportunities for continued dialogue with parents.

Doug Selwyn, resident, spoke in support of school budget, especially for learning opportunities (art, field trips, community engagement, etc.) created with discretionary funds. Desire for larger drama program at GHS. Support for late bus to allow more students to participate in after-school activities.

IV. Reports

A. Student Representatives

GHS students Dylan Badillo and Anthony Bohannon reported on GHS activities: Read Across America; music dept. fundraiser and telethon; today’s walkout and discussions on ways to improve school community; Student Council State Leadership Convention; GCC Reality Fair; spring sports starting; Drama Club performance; Step-Up Day for 7th graders; formal dress drive; Taste of World Cultures; students shadowing town government officials; Moose Club statewide competition.

B. Chair

- Attorney contracts to be reviewed by Personnel & Negotiations Subcommittee
- Awaiting information from Councilor Mayo re: proposal related to contracted services.
- Stakeholder letter to be discussed at April mtg
- Additional agenda requests:
 - special education
 - review policies related to student activism
 - place for Committee to post resources
- Recommends Health, Safety & Facilities Subcte continue discussion of Green River school building and bring recommendations to School Cte.

B. Superintendent

JH described “remarkable day” (March 14) of community, caring, support at all schools; “tremendously proud” of school community.

D. Subcommittees

1. Health, Safety & Facilities (KC)

Discussing challenges with pick-ups, late pick-ups, parking, with focus on safety. Request for Policy Subcte to create policy for pick-ups.

Considering options and timeline for Green River building.

2. Policy & Program (DA)

Began with organizational meeting

Discussion re: legislative representative (Policy BJ); will bring recommendation to School Cte.

Next task: review process for developing and approving policies

3. Personnel & Negotiations (DA)

MASC training re: Supt. evaluation, March 22.

V. Business

A. Foundation Budget Review Commission Recommendation

AN provided background, recommendations re: school funding.

SE moved to support the recommendations put forward by Foundation Budget Review

Commission. DA 2nd. Motion withdrawn.

Move discussion of updated report to April’s agenda.

B. Agenda Requests

none

VI. New Business

none

VII. Executive Session

AN announced intent to move into Executive Session in accordance with MGL c 30A, §21, (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

KC moved to enter Executive Session. WM 2nd. Roll call vote: Yes – DA, KC, SE, SH, AN. Moved into executive session at 7:26 p.m.

SE moved to leave Executive Session. KC 2nd. Roll call vote: Yes – DA, KC, SE, WM, AN. Returned to public session at 8:35.

VIII. Adjournment

WM moved to adjourn. 2nd KC. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Farber

Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents

1. Agenda: March 14, 2018
2. Draft minutes: February 14 and February 28, 2018
3. Greenfield Public Schools Agreement for Professional Legal Services: Peter L. Smith
4. Greenfield Public Schools Agreement for Professional Legal Services: Sullivan, Hayes, & Quinn
5. Subcommittee minutes:
 - a. Budget, March 5, 2018
 - b. Health & Safety, March 6, 2018
 - c. Policy & Program, March 1, 2018
6. Budget Reports
 - a. Account Balances, as of February 28, 2018
 - b. MUNIS, as of March 12, 2018
 - c. Year-to-Date, as of February 28, 2018
7. School Newsletters
8. Foundation Budget Review Commission, Preliminary Report, June 30, 2015
9. MASC announcement, Forum: Implementation of the Foundation Budget Review, Feb. 16, 2017