

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES: March 12, 2019**  
Town Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square, Greenfield, MA 01301

**Present:** Cameron Ward (CW), Chair (by phone); Susan Hollins (SH); William Martin (WM)

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Steve Nembirkow, Business Manager

**I. Call to Order**

*[Unknown; Recording not started yet]*

**II. Public Comment**

None.

**III. Review and Approve the OML Complaint Response**

Complaint filed by Adrienne Nunez, chair of the School Committee, but filed as a public citizen of Greenfield. Response due March 14th. Members reviewed the complaint line by line and drafted response.

- Statement A: Denied, as agenda did include the language: “The public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice.” WM, SH, CW agreed on response.
- Statement B: True. WM, SH, CW agreed on response.
- Statement C: True that principals were not present. Denied that subcommittee “passed over” any topic. WM, SH, CW agreed on response.
- Statement D: Denied, as topics discussed related to FY20 budget and Business Manager provided information specific to all budget items. WM, SH, CW agreed on response. WM, SH, CW agreed to add following statement suggested by SH: “the subcommittee discussed the topic of Form 1s from a ‘Summative Business Manager Report’ and regarding transportation, the bid had just come in and was up for discussion as a relative, unforeseen topic, and agenda allowed for this.”
- Statement E: Denied, as topics discussed related to FY20 budget, and Business Manager provided information specific to all budget items. WM, SH, CW agreed on response.
- Statement F: Denied, as all members of the budget subcommittee are familiar with OML regulations and complied with such regulations, and to insinuate that Chairman Ward does not know what he is doing and that senior members should take over the chairman’s role is awkward for the chairperson to file as an individual. WM, SH, CW agreed on response.

Regarding remedies sought by Adrienne Nunez, complainant:

- Suggested response: No apologies. The subcommittee would like the chair of the School Committee to publicly apologize for the complaint. WM, SH, CW agreed on response.
- CW: the subcommittee’s response is civil, and he would like to move on from this issue. WM agreed.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**WM moved to adjourn. SH 2nd. Motion passed.**

### **Meeting Documents**

1. Open Meeting Law Complaint