GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
GCTV Studios, Greenfield MA
Approved 02.12.14

Present: Margaret Betts (MB); Daryl Essensa (DE); Donna Gleason (DG); John Lunt (JL); William Martin (WM); Francia Wisnewski (FW). Absent: Maryelen Calderwood (MC). Also present: Susan Hollins, Superintendent (SH); Elizabeth Gilman (EG), GPS Business Administrator; other school staff, citizens, and the press.

I. Call to Order
With a quorum present (MB, DE, DG, JL, WM, FW), Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Chris Shores (Recorder) is audiorecording.

II. Approval of Draft Minutes
JL moved, DG 2nd, to table consideration of the draft minutes of Jan. 8, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment
none

JL moved to suspend the rules to next consider VI. A. Supt. Screening Cte Update. DG 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Business Topics
A. Superintendent Search Committee Update
DE reported on first mtg (Jan 16), logistical overview with Pat Correira (MASC), members officially sworn in. Next mtg. Thursday, Feb. 6 to prepare for interviewing.

JL moved that School Cte. instruct Supt. Search Cte., to follow best practices for search committees and to authorize normal expenses of less than $2000 without needing prior approval of School Cte. MB 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

FW presented plans for Search Cte website. By 1/31, School Cte members to review brochure. Advertisement for position went live today.

IV. Executive Session
JL moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. DG 2nd. Roll call vote, YES: MB, DE, DG, JL, WM, FW. Motion passed unanimously. School Cte moved into executive session at 6:47 p.m.

FW moved to leave executive session. MB 2nd. Roll call YES: MB, DE, DG, JL, WM, FW. Motion passed unanimously. Returned to public session at 9:08 p.m. Short break; meeting resumed at 9:21 p.m.

JL moved that the whole School Cte approve the paraprofessional agreement, as amended, for commitment to final language and signage by chair of School Cte. MB 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

MB moved to table V. Contract, Budget. and Finance Report. JL 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
DG moved to authorize the Negotiations Subcte to meet with virtual school to define services and costs to the school district. DE 2nd. MB offered friendly amendment to have date-certain report by Feb. 12, 2014. FW 2nd. Amendment withdrawn. Original motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment
JL moved to adjourn. MB 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary