

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
Greenfield Town Hall, 14 Court Square, Greenfield MA
Approved 03.11.15

Present: Maryelen Calderwood (MC); Jeff Comenitz (JC); Jordana Harper, Superintendent (JH); William Martin (WM); Adrienne Nunez (AN).

Absent: Margaret Betts (MB); Donna Gleason (DG); Francina Wisnewski (FW).

Also present: Peter Smith, School Attorney (PS); other school staff, citizens and the press.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (MC, JC, WM, AN), Chair Calderwood called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. Executive Session

AN made a motion to go into executive session for purposes of collective bargaining and potential litigation. WM 2nd. Roll call vote: Yes: MC, JC, WM, AN. Motion passed unanimously. Moved into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

WM moved to return to public session. 2nd JC. Yes: MC, JC, WM, AN. Motion passed unanimously. Public session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

III. Business Topics

A. Expanded Learning Time (ELT) Grant Implementation

WM made a motion, subject to ratification by the GEA and the School Cte, to direct the Supt to adjust the school day schedule to implement the expanded learning day agreed to by the School Cte so that it is in compliance with requirements of the Expanded Learning Time grant, and to modify transportation arrangements as necessary. AN 2nd.

Discussion:

- Chair Calderwood summarized problems with ELT grant compliance. Solutions will come in stages.
- Supt. Harper explained ELT benefits and DESE's challenge to Greenfield's ELT compliance. DESE set deadline of noon today for compliance plan. Recognize changes will present challenges to some families.
- Will involve further discussion with GEA
- Potential changes to schedules:
 - M&S Academy: 7:30 start, 3:45 dismissal
 - GMS: Student arrival stays at 7:15; start of instructional time moves from 7:45 to 7:30.
 - GMS, M&S Academy: Friday early release for students may be modified.
 - Newton: no change
- Atty Smith: Changes subject to ratification by GEA membership, looked for by end of next week.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

WM moved to adjourn. 2nd JC. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary