

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES: Wednesday, January 6, 2016**  
GCTV Studios, 393 Main Street, Greenfield MA  
Approved 01.13.16

**Present:** Timothy Farrell (TF); Jordana Harper, Superintendent (JH); Susan Hollins (SH); William Martin (WM); Adrienne Nunez (AN); Nathaniel Tripp (NT); Cameron Ward (CW); Francia Wisnewski (FW). **Absent:** none. **Also present:** school staff, citizens, and the press.

**I. Call to Order**

With a quorum present (TF, SH, WM, AN, NT, CW, FW), FW opened the organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

Melodie Goodwin, Newton School principal, thanked all members for their willingness to serve.

**III. Business Topics**

**A. Election of Officers**

**Chair: WM nominated Tim Farrell. 2nd SH. Motion passed 6-0-1 (TF abstain).**

FW turned meeting over to TF.

**Vice-Chair: AN nominated Francia Wisnewski. 2nd WM. Motion passed 6-0-1 (FW abstain).**

**Secretary: FW nominated Adrienne Nunez. NT 2nd. Motion passed 6-0-1 (AN abstain).**

**B. Subcommittee Appointments**

TF presented draft slate of subcommittee chairs and members:

**Policy & Curriculum**

Susan Hollins, chair; Francia Wisnewski, Tim Farrell

**Health, Safety & Facilities**

Francia Wisnewski, chair; Cameron Ward, Adrienne Nunez

**Negotiations & Finance**

Adrienne Nunez, chair; Nate Tripp, Susan Hollins

**Personnel**

Nate Tripp, chair; Francis Wisnewski, Mayor Martin

**GHS Building Committee**

Cameron Ward

**SH moved to approve slate of subcte membership and chairs, as proposed by the Chair. WM**

**2nd.** Discussion: Representative to Collaborative to be discussed next mtg. Purpose of Personnel: primarily supt. evaluation, plus positions which School Cte has role in hiring. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. Brief Overview of School Committee Topics**

TF directed members to documents outlining roles, responsibilities, procedures of School Cte. All new members will receive essential documents including policy manual, meeting laws, conflict of interest statement, budget, student/staff handbook.

MASC District Governance Project training likely in spring/summer.

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm. To be moved to school building?

Subcte mtgs to be established by subctce chairs; usually held at Davis St.

Suggestion for better visibility of School Cte on district website, to allow public easy access to contact members.

### **D. Discussion of Agenda for January 13, 2016 Meeting (and beyond)**

TF wants to extend 48-hour notice, give longer time so members can prepare.

Request for future agendas to include:

- Setting up District Governance Project training
- Proposed budget: process, dates
- Current budget: 6-month update
- Departmental issues
- Open Meeting Law
- School choice, including choice-out \$, charter schools, effect on district
- District's opportunities with virtual school
- Executive session re: pending litigation, contract negotiations
- Remote participation (referred to Policy Subcte)
- Student enrollment update, multi-year comparison

### **III. Adjournment**

FW moved to adjourn. 2nd AN. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Farber  
Recording Secretary