

**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