

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Friday, February 28, 2014
20 Sanderson St., Greenfield MA
Approved 03.20.14

Present: Margaret Betts (MB) (arrived 6:40); Daryl Essensa (DE); Donna Gleason (DG); John Lunt (JL); William Martin (WM); Francia Wisnewski (FW). **Absent:** Maryelen Calderwood (MC).
Also present: Susan Hollins (SH), Atty. Peter Smith, other school staff, citizens, and the press.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (DE, DG, JL, WM, FW), Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Old Business

A. GCVS Memorandum of Agreement

JL reported: GSC had authorized JL, WM to negotiate with Greenfield Commonwealth Virtual School (GCVS) for MOU re: services provided by GPS. Unable to agree. Proposing new MOU for one-month exit transition (March 1-31); parties to meet March 6 to create exit plan. Compensation for March = 4.5% of Mass. tuition payment \$6625/student (for one-month term, and 7% for prior 6 months). GCVS letter terminating prior MOU for services takes effect end of today.

JL moved that the MOU be accepted and signed by the chair on behalf of the GSC. MB 2nd.

MB offered a series of friendly amendments:

- **strike in its entirety Section 12 Insurance. JL 2nd. Passed unanimously.**
- **strike in its entirety Section 13 License and Fees. JL 2nd. Passed unanimously.**
- **strike in its entirety Section 17 Ownership of Documents. JL 2nd. Passed unanimously.**
- **modify Section 15: GPS will make all GCVS books . . . performed under this MOU available to GCVS. at all reasonable times for inspection, review and audit by GCVS through its authorized representative.**

- **insert above first whereas:**

Whereas the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to allow for respectful and orderly transition to GCVS of the services delivered by GPS through February 28, 2014, under an agreement dated August 21, 2013, no later than March 31, 2014.

JL 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- **add to original motion: ... the MOU as amended.... DE 2nd. Passed unanimously.**

Motion: that the MOU as amended be accepted and signed by the chair on behalf of the GSC. Passed unanimously.

B. Supt Search Subcte

DE moved that the GSC allow Pat Correia, MASC consultant for supt search, to share information on an equal time basis with Search Subcte. DG 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Contract, Finance & Budget Subcte

Subcte organizing site-based budgeting meetings with supt and each principal/school in next 7-9 days.

III. New Business: Superintendent Transition Phase

122 days left before SH's retirement. WM directed SH to refrain from signing long-term agreements or hiring/firing top-level staff, administrators; and to be sensitive to commitments beyond June 30. School Cte to review, sign all agreements. Clarification: routine agreements and hires (such as software renewals, new subs, cafeteria workers, etc.) OK for Supt to approve.

School Cte underscored priority for SH to create transition document (e.g., assessment of top staff, schools, programs, GSC; summarize overall initiatives, accomplishments, vision for district. School Cte will not make new requests of SH to allow her time for transition preparations.

SH: evaluations of administrators (mid-yr. and end-of-yr.) for 10 critical areas well underway.

V. Adjournment

JL moved to adjourn. DG 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary