

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 15, 2014
Town Hall, 14 Square Court, Greenfield MA
Approved 05.14.14**

Present: Margaret Betts (MB); Maryelen Calderwood (MC); Daryl Essensa (DE); Donna Gleason (DG); John Lunt (JL); William Martin (WM); Francina Wisnewski (FW). **Absent:** none. **Also present:** Pat Correia (PC), Mass. Association of School Committees (MASC); Susan Hollins, Supt.; school staff, citizens, and the press.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (MB, MC, DE, DG, JL, WM, FW), Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Chris Shores of *Recorder* is audio-recording.

II. Business Topics

A. Site Visits & Questions for Superintendent Search

Discussion: Clarified that tonight's special meeting is public, not executive session. Site visit reports were emailed, thus public documents.

All interviews w/ staff requested by School Cte members. MC: interest in interviewing others (informal references, "cold calls"). FW will clarify process for School Cte.

1. Site visit report re: Jordana Harper-Ewert (FW)

FW summarized report from April 7 visit to Springfield Public Schools re: Jordana Harper-Ewert (Chief Schools Officer, Springfield Public Schools, Springfield MA).

2. Site visit report re: James O'Shea (MB)

MB summarized report from April 8 visit to Bromfield School re: James O'Shea (Principal, The Bromfield School, Harvard MA).

3. Contingency Plan

Concern only 2 candidates remain. Need Plan B? Finalists strong; not in line for other positions. **JL moved that WM confer w/ MASC consultant about possibility of interim should that prove necessary. MC 2nd.** Discussion: Motion does not reflect on confidence in finalists. **Motion passed 4-0-1** (DE abstain).

4. Finalists visit Greenfield

Full day for each candidate: April 29: O'Shea; April 30: Harper-Ewert. DE, FW, DG will organize finalists' schedules, including public Meet & Greet. School Cte interview 6:30 pm (time tentative).

5. Interview Questions

FW/DE to email Search Cte's questions for semi-finalists. Members to submit questions for finalists by Friday. DE will facilitate interviews. Discussion: Ask same questions of both. Likely format: opening remarks; 2 questions from each member (5 min. per); closing remarks. Notify candidates of format.

VII. Adjournment

MC moved to adjourn. MB 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary