

**Greenfield School Committee  
Policy & Program Sub-Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2024**

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1. Call to order: Present: Glenn Johnson-Mussad (GJM) (Sub-Committee Chair), Amy Proietti (AP), Elizabeth DeNeeve (ED) Also present: Dr. Christine DeBarge, Superintendent and Karin Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent

Call to order: 11:02 a.m.

2. No public present for comment.
3. Approval of Minutes;
  - October 5, 2023
  - February 1, 2024

On a motion by AP, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ED, the sub-committee voted to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

4. Review of Wellness Program:

Dr. DeBarge noted this is a regulation/procedure, not a policy. The committee would need to decide whether or not to vote on/support the program. She would appreciate their consideration for endorsement and support on the work that is identified in the program.

Dr. DeBarge highlighted some broad areas of focus relative to the program.

Finally, Dr. DeBarge shared that we want to engage parents and community members to serve on the Wellness Committee. There is a requirement from DESE that the Wellness Committee meet annually (intermittently) to conduct a program assessment.

After review and discussion, it was noted this item would be included on the March 13 School Committee agenda as a policy report.

On a motion by ED, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AP, the sub-committee voted that they, as the sub-committee, endorse the Wellness Program as presented by the superintendent. The vote was unanimous.

GJM publicly thanked everyone for their hard work on this program.

5. A motion was made by ED, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AP, to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

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## **WALKERS AND RIDERS**

Students will be entitled to transportation to and from school at the expense of the public schools when such transportation conforms to applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. Reimbursement to the school system for transportation costs is given by the Commonwealth only for (a) students living at least one and one half miles from school, (b) students who live more than one mile from the nearest bus stop, and (c) students with special needs for whom transportation must be provided.

Additionally, the Committee will provide transportation for students as follows:

Kindergarten – Grade 7	Students living more than one and one-half miles from school.
Grades 8-12:	Students living more than two miles from school.

Exceptions to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent. This will apply particularly to any student who must travel in a hazardous area to and from school. These students will be transported regardless of the mileage limits listed.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L; 71:7A; 71:68; 71B:5

CROSS REF.: EEA, Student Transportation Services

SOURCE: Greenfield

Approved by the Greenfield School Committee: September 14, 2022