



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2026

6:30pm

John Zon Community Center - 35 Pleasant Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

Zoom Hybrid

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AGENDA

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CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by Greenfield Community Television (GCTV). If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call of Members - If members appear online, roll call voting must be used

- III. Public Comment: Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes as recognized by the Chairperson per Chapter 49 - Hybrid Ordinance, members of the public attending virtually or in person may comment by raising their hand and stating their name and address or precinct.
- IV. Open Meeting Law Presentation given by Elizabeth Lafond from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC)
- V. Report of Student Representatives to the Committee
 - Club Reports and upcoming activities or events that include updates from Student Council, Key Club, Athletics, French Club, Drama Club, Library Club, Trivia Club and Mosaic/Students of Color
- VI. Reports of the Administration
 - A. Business Manager
 - Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update
 - Budget Reports Review
 - B. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Report
 - Professional Learning Update: The district held a full-day professional development session on Friday, January 30, 2026. The day was structured to support educators in grades kindergarten through grade twelve through a combination of grade-band content sessions and districtwide learning focused on Restorative Practices.
 - Grants Update: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is offering high-dosage, evidence-based early literacy tutoring opportunities, and Greenfield Public Schools is eligible to participate. Initial conversations have started and the Greenfield School Department is gathering more information to determine feasibility and the practicality of implementing this support.
 - Winter Carnival: The Greenfield Public Schools were happy to once again participate in the Greenfield Winter Carnival that was held on the weekend of February 6, 2026 through February 8, 2026. There were Title I sponsored events with games, prizes and a Mad Science Fire and Ice Show.
 - C. Superintendent Report
 - School enrollment update
 - School facilities and events update
- VII. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the minutes of January 14, 2026; February 11, 2026
 - B. Vote to approve Greenfield High School Spanish Class Field Trip to New York City on March 25, 2026
 - C. First Read of Revised Policy IJNDB - Empowered Digital Use Policy
- VIII. School Committee Reports
 - A. Chair's Report
 - Update on policies voted during 2025 calendar year not reflected in the posted Policy Manual
 - Working with Administration to identify dates for the annual tour of School Buildings
 - Organizational Chart that was listed in new member materials is updated
 - City Council member Minhas is proposing an Ad Hoc committee related to City of Greenfield internships for Greenfield Public School students
 - Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Day on the Hill Monday March 30, 2026: What are our legislative priorities?
 - Rural and Declining Enrollment Schools Week of Action March 9-13, 2026
 - B. Budget and Finance Subcommittee Report

Recap of recent subcommittee meeting held on February 2, 2026. Main highlights include projected level service costs based on agreed upon wage increases, anticipated Chapter 70 amounts for the upcoming year, choice and charter spending. The budget development calendar will be revised to reflect revisions to calendar dates for meetings, hearings and such based on hearing from the Mayor that the budget release schedule will run approximately one month later than the current Budget Calendar indicates.
- IX. New Business
 - A. Motion from Chair Sexton to pursue mediation for the School Committee in an effort to increase productive collaboration and collegiality among members. The motion would authorize the district to enter into an agreement with a mediation service provider.

- B. Motion to appoint a member from the Greenfield School Committee to be on the Business Manager Interview Committee.
 - C. Motion from member de Neeve to add a non-voting student member to the Greenfield School Committee
 - D. Motion from member de Neeve to have the School Committee meet every other month with the Student Advisory Council as per Massachusetts General Law
 - E. Motion from member de Neeve to have the Greenfield School Committee rescind the vote on subcommittee assignments from the January 14, 2026 meeting
 - F. Motion from Chair Sexton to move the ad hoc handbook subcommittee work to the policy subcommittee
 - G. Motion from Chair Sexton to have the Greenfield School Committee charge the budget and finance subcommittee with the work involved with warrants, including signing them.
 - H. Motion from Chair Sexton to formalize the warrants procedure to wait twenty four hours between a request for signature and anyone signing the warrant.
 - I. Motion from Chair Sexton to have the Greenfield School Committee create an ad hoc facilities use subcommittee.
 - J. Discussion and possible revision of Policy IJOA (Field Trips) specifically as it relates to out-of-state day trips for students and needing school committee prior vote.
- X. Old Business
- A. Discussion and Vote on enrollment of Greenfield Public School students in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual School and the district's option to restrict future Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual School enrollment.
- XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and (7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements. The committee **WILL NOT** return to Open Session.
- XII. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED

*Please note that the list of topics was comprehensive at the time of posting, however, the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Posted in accordance with M.G.L. c 30A § 18-25.

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