



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 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. Recognition
 - Lisa Morrison, Greenfield Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher
Recipient of the 2026 Grinspoon Award for the Greenfield Public Schools
- 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, Library Club, and Mosaic/Students of Color
- VI. Greenfield Public Schools School Presentations on happenings in the schools
 - Kelly Halpin, Principal of Federal Street Elementary School
 - Carol Jacobs, Principal of Newton Elementary School
 - Jill Taglia, Principal of Academy of Early Learning
- VII. 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 final district-wide professional learning day will be on May 22, 2026 in the afternoon.
 - Title I Events:
 - a. The Second Annual Cardboard Challenge was held on March 14, 2026 at the Middle School
 - b. March 26, 2026 was Elementary Literacy Night at each of the three elementary schools
 - c. March 30, 2026 marked the start to our One Book One School initiative
 - d. April Vacation Academy will take place April 21, 2026-April 24, 2026 at the Discovery School at Four Corners for grades one through four
 - C. Superintendent Report
 - School enrollment update
 - (YELO) Youth Engage Legislators and Officials Forum at Greenfield High School
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - A. Vote to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026; March 16, 2026 and March 25, 2026
 - B. Vote to approve the districts participation in the School Choice Program for the 2026-2027 school year
 - C. Vote to approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar
 - D. Second Read and Vote of Revised Policy IJOA: Field Trips
 - E. Second Read and Vote of Revised Policy BBAA: School Committee Member Authority
 - F. Second Read and Vote of Revised Policy JIB: Student Involvement in Decision-Making
 - G. First Read and Vote of Revised Policy DK: Payment Procedures
- IX. School Committee Reports
 - A. Chair's Report
 - Roberts Rules procedure: Calling the Question/Previous Question
 - B. Budget and Finance Subcommittee Report
 - Review of two subcommittee meetings with highlights that include review of the most current warrants of the month which produced discussion topics for clarification: landscaping options and social media expenses and communication service subscriptions.
 - C. Policy, Program, and School Committee Handbook Subcommittee Report
 - The subcommittee met on March 30, 2026 for their first subcommittee meeting of the year. At this meeting, there were several goals discussed and set for the year.
 - D. Community Engagement Subcommittee Report
 - At the time of the posting, there were no topics reasonably anticipated by the Chairperson
- X. New Business
 - A. Motion from Member de Neeve to have the School Committee develop a procedure for drafting, acting upon, and archiving resolutions

- B. Motion from Member de Neeve to have the School Committee support bill H. 1399 to modernize retiree medicare healthcare for municipalities
- C. Motion from Member de Neeve to have the School Committee support bill H. 560/S. 391 about Climate Literacy brought to us by Mass Audubon Statewide Youth Climate Leadership Program
- D. Motion from Member de Neeve to have the School Committee donate the historical documents and materials located in the Middle School Central Office hallway to the Greenfield Historical Society
- E. Vote to dissolve the Redistricting and Reorganizing Ad Hoc Subcommittee

XI. Old Business

- A. Motion from Chair Sexton to have the Greenfield School Committee create a Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee.
- B. Discussion about if and how to proceed with mediation or conflict resolution.
- C. Set meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2027 budget
- D. Discussion and possible revision of School Committee Policy BHE-Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members
- E. Motion from Member de Neeve to support MA Foundation Budget Review Commission.
- F. Motion from Member Goodwin that the School Committee form an AdHoc committee to study the current state of literacy in our schools.
- G. Motion from Vice Chair Childs to revise policies BEDH Public Comment At School Committee Meetings and BEDH-E Guidelines For Public Comment to remove reference to “address” and replace it with “relationship to the schools”
- H. Motion from Chair Sexton to instruct the Policy Subcommittee to review Community Use of School Facilities (Policy KF-R) regarding after hours community facility use, including comparisons of our rates to comparable facilities; rate burden on potential facilities users; and likely outcomes of either lowering or raising facilities use rates

XII. 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 (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The committee **WILL** return to Open Session.

XIII. Vote to instruct the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Agreement from the Greenfield Education Association

XIV. 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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