

Greenfield School Committee
Long-Term Facilities Use Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. (This meeting was conducted via Zoom only.)
2. Roll Call of Members (via roll call):
Present: Stacey Sexton, Chair (SS), Elizabeth DeNeeve (ED), M. Mckenzie Webb (MW)

SS read the Chair Statement relative to meeting recordings.
3. Public Comment:
There were no public members present for comment at this time.
4. Review of committee charge:
SS noted the purpose of this meeting is to continue the work that had been done relative to our facilities and to look at additional ways of organizing our buildings and facility use. Prior work included long-term planning around district lines in terms of which students attend which schools, which are walkers, and which are bussed. We also need to address the actual use of the buildings and our long-term goals associated with each. The proposal discussed at the last GPS School Committee meeting also charges this ad-hoc committee to discuss other options such as:

- Revisit regionalization
- Building consolidation
 - What would the impact be?
 - How would we make it work with minimal impact to our educational services?
 - Would it actually improve our educational services with a neutral impact?
- Creating additional buildings (Perhaps begin the process of thinking through having a more modern, potentially unified elementary school, etc.)

SS noted another major aspect of this sub-committee is its structure as an advisory committee. It will involve outside participation from members other than GPS School Committee members, which will require us to recruit and appoint members of the public to this committee.

Discussion ensued as to a process for soliciting additional members of the community to this committee, per the proposal as voted by the GPS School Committee:

- Seek 10 additional advisory committee members comprised of:
 - Parents
 - Staff
 - Students
 - Community members
- Conduct a self-nominating process, as was done with the Superintendent Search Ad-Hoc Committee
- Review and make selections based on nominations

On a motion by ED, 2nd by MW, the sub-committee voted to waive Robert's Rules of Order as to conduct a working session. The roll call vote was unanimous.

SS noted the last study was conducted 4 years ago. That information could have changed and updates would need to be made to projected populations, building options, etc.

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Discussion on the pros and cons of building a new building/building funding, our current population decline, and current trends ensued. Our buildings are certainly aging and we are doing the best we can to maintain and keep our energy costs down. SS shared the ages of our buildings by providing the dates each was built:

Federal Street School – 1906
AEL - 1930
Newton Elementary School - 1915
Discovery School at Four Corners - 1955
GMS – 1960 (with Central Office renovations in 2015)
GHS – 1957 (with new construction in 2015)

Next Steps/Timeline:

- Solicit nominations for additional members to serve on this advisory committee (10 additional members consisting of 2 parents, 2 staff, 2 students, 2 community members, and 2 other additional members)
- Review nominations
- Put the team in order
- Schedule regular meetings (and even task force meetings for discussion/research on regionalization, building studies (including consolidation or construction/community schools) to get the work done prior to the May 2027 deadline

It was the consensus of this sub-committee to meet again in a remote format on May 18 at 9:00 a.m. to formalize this process together. A draft nomination form will be presented at that time for review and adoption.

5. Adjournment:

On a motion by ED, 2nd by MW, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Approved: 5/18/2026