

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:

Dear Greenfield Community,

The Greenfield School Committee has recently created a Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee has the responsibility for conducting necessary research, analyzing available data, gathering public input, and synthesizing all of this information into a report with recommendations for the long-term use and planning for our school facilities. While the School Committee has the sole authority to vote and make official actions related to our school facilities this process would be greatly benefited by robust public participation in its work.

Greenfield Public Schools invites individuals to submit letters of interest to be considered for appointment to the Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee. Interested persons should be available to attend several evening meetings including all full meetings of the Advisory Committee, working sessions, and occasionally regular meetings of the full School Committee, and they should understand that much of the business of the Screening Committee will require a degree of discretion as we consider options that have the potential to impact the Greenfield Public Schools long into the future.

Additional information about the Advisory Committee can be found within the [meeting materials for the April 8 regular School Committee meeting](#) (starting on page 93).

Submit a Letter of Interest Here: <https://forms.gle/vY31gihRjjGLqVAF7>

Screening Committee Composition

- 3 SC Members (Stacey Sexton, Elizabeth de Neeve, Kenzie Webb)
- 2 School Staff (*3 seats available*)
- 2 Caregivers: representative across grades, student demographics (*3 seats available*)
- 2 Community Members (*2 seats available*)
- 2 Students (*2 seats available*)
- 2 Additional seats available (*these seats may be filled by individuals who also fall into one of the above categories. In making selections the Advisory Steering Committee will prioritize representing a wide array of community voices and perspectives.*)

Selection Process

- Interested persons submit a letter of interest (Due: June 7th)
- Advisory Steering Committee reviews letters of interest individuals to put forward to the full committee (June 8th)
- Outreach to potential members to confirm availability (June 8th)
- Full committee appoints Screening Committee members at June 10 meeting

Time Commitment for Advisory Committee Members

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for [DATE, TIME], location TBD, at which time we will review our charge, answer questions that Advisory Committee members have, and outline our work process through May 2027. As you can see, many tasks must be accomplished during the meeting so members should plan to be available for approximately two hours.

In subsequent meetings, it is anticipated the Screening Committee will gather, review, and generate data and information; conduct research; contribute substantively to discussions and deliberations with fellow Advisory Committee members; and generate and review reports and recommendations for the full School Committee. Potential members should expect to expend several hours per month, including time outside of meetings, to accomplish the work of the subcommittee

Envisioning and planning for the future of our school facilities is an important activity for the entire community, and it requires an extraordinary commitment of time and energy. The School Committee would greatly appreciate the community's participation in the process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at stasex1@gpsk12.org or via text at 662-607-3941

Very truly yours,

Stacey Sexton on behalf of the Advisory Steering Committee
Chair, Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee
Chair, Greenfield School Committee

Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee

Please use this form to indicate your interest in being a member of the Greenfield Public Schools Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee.

Please review all of the information in the Request for Interest. Service on this Advisory Committee will be a considerable commitment lasting through May 2027. This Advisory Committee will be tasked with conducting research, gathering input, and creating reports. Members of the Advisory Committee will be expected to participate in all meetings of the Advisory Committee and substantially contribute to the work of the Committee.

Please fill out this form by 5pm Sunday, June 7th. The Advisory Steering Committee (consisting of the three School Committee members of the Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Subcommittee) will review Interest Letters and deliberate about the candidates at 10:00 am on Monday, June 8th, 2026. The SC Members will contact selected applicants to confirm interest and availability. If still interested and available, the applicant will be put forward to the full School Committee on June 10th, and will be invited to attend for confirmation. Applicants are welcome to use public comment to speak to their desire to serve on the

Greenfield Public Schools Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Subcommittee, if they wish.

1. Name

2. Phone Number

3. Best Email Address

4. Please briefly share why you would like to be a member of the Greenfield Public Schools Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee?

5. The Greenfield School Committee is committed to ensuring the representativeness of the Advisory Committee's processes. We are seeking a broad and diverse group with many different vantage points of interacting with our schools. What is your relationship to the Greenfield Public Schools? What unique perspectives would you bring to the work of the Advisory Subcommittee?

6. I certify that I can commit several hours per month from now through May 2027 to the work of the Long-term Facilities Use Advisory Committee.

Check all that apply.

I certify that I can commit to this work.

7. If selected, please provide at least three general times that you would be available for scheduling meetings (example, Mondays 9-11am or Tuesdays after 5pm).

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