

Greenfield School Committee
Policy, Program, and School Committee Handbook Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:37 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Members:
Present: Elizabeth DeNeeve (ED) Sub-Committee Chair, Ann Childs (AC)

Absent: Jeffrey Diteman (JD)
3. Public Comment:
Paul Jablon, Greenfield resident, step-grandfather to a GMS student, parent of GMS parent, noted that he has spoken a bit to ED relative creating a K-12 curriculum that would make for a lasting and positive school climate. He has shared a one-page document that includes some ideas about this topic, as well as a sample curriculum that has been provided to ED, which could be shared with the other members. He has conducted this work in other school districts over the past 40 years and has offered his services in our district. He thanked the members for serving on the committee and for all the work they have done in their role.
4. Approval of sub-committee minutes of April 27, 2026
On a motion by AC, 2nd by ED, the minutes were approved as provided. The vote was unanimous.
5. Update on resolution style pdf (portable document format) from administration:
ED shared she had not received documentation on this item prior to tonight's meeting. As a result, discussion would need to be postponed to the July meeting.

On a motion by ED, 2nd by AC, discussion on the "Update on resolution style pdf (portable document format) from administration" will be postponed until the July meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous.
6. Update on how to implement Policy JIB (Student Involvement in Decision-Making) from telephone conversations with legal counsel:
ED noted she received information on this matter from a discussion she had with our legal counsel. The policy states that we will have a non-voting student member from the Student Advisory Committee sit with School Committee members, except during executive sessions. We have reached out to the Student Advisory Committee, through member Diteman, but due to his absence from this meeting this evening, his update will also need to be postponed until the July meeting.

Originally, it was thought that we could delegate one individual to meet with the School Committee every other month, being the policy states that the School Committee will meet with the Student Advisory Committee every other month, but what it actually means is the entire School Committee must meet with the Student Advisory Committee every other month, so we cannot delegate just one individual.

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Discussion ensued relative to the format for these meetings with the Student Advisory Committee, i.e. separate or as part of the School Committee meeting (based on a quorum), time of said meetings, availability, etc. It was also suggested that we network with surrounding districts to see how they succeed at conducting these meetings.

7. Academic Integrity Policy discussion and recommendation:
ED shared that member JD provided documents on this topic, including a motion. It was suggested this item be postponed to the July meeting, due to his absence this evening, to afford him the opportunity to speak to said information.

On a motion by AC, 2nd by ED, this item was tabled for discussion at the July meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous.

8. Discussion and possible revision of the following policies:
 - A. Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited
 - B. Policy ADC – Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited
 - C. Policy GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace Policy
 - D. Policy GBED – Tobacco Product Use on School Property by Staff Members Prohibited
 - E. Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

ED stated these topics were the result of the recent YELO conference at GHS. Students would like clarification relative to vaping. There are also questions ED has that require input by the superintendent. As a result, it was suggested to have the discussion postponed to the July meeting so the superintendent can be present for input.

On a motion by ED, 2nd by AC, it was voted to have discussion on these policies postponed until the July meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous.

9. Possible discussion & further review of Policy IJNDB – Empowered Digital Use Policy:
Assistant Superintendent, Stephen Sullivan had sent information relative to creating a type of community engagement task force on this topic to include parents, community members, and students.

On a motion by AC, 2nd by ED, this committee endorses the AI Advisory Group and halt on a policy until that group has presented recommendations. The roll call vote was unanimous.

There were a few corresponding questions/items for discussion:

- Would it be appropriate to have a member of this sub-committee serve on the advisory group as well, or is this strictly operational?
- Would the group be presenting to this sub-committee or to the full School Committee?
- Timeline?

JD joined the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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Discussion relative to member availability to serve in this group ensued.

On a motion by AC, 2nd by JD, this sub-committee voted to endorse this advisory group to the full School Committee at their meeting on Wednesday, June 10. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Further discussion on agenda #7 – Academic Integrity Policy discussion and recommendation ensued. JD noted there were 2 Massachusetts school districts that have this policy included in their policy manual, Provincetown and Somerville. His rationale for including the policy in the policy manual is included in the motion he provided for this topic.

ED also updated member JD on other agenda topic discussions/postponements from his absence earlier in this meeting.

10. New Business

Summer work: Divvy up the following items: Vaping, AI, Policy JIB

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday June 29 at 6:30 p.m., which is a conflict for members. The meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Future meetings have been scheduled for July 27, August 31, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment:

On a motion by AC, 2nd by ED, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Approved: