GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2026
6:30pm
John Zon Community Center - 35 Pleasant Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301
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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. Report of Student Representatives to the Committee
-Highlights include Student Council, Key Club, Athletics and Library Club, Band and AV (Audio Visual) Club

V. Reports of the Administration
A. Business Manager
-Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update
-Budget Reports Review
B. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Report
-November 3, 2026 Professional Development Day throughout the district. Sessions across the district focused on strengthening instructional practices, deepening content knowledge, and building strategies to better support the diverse needs of our students.
-Thunderbirds Stick to Reading Challenge kicks off on November 25, 2026 with a special visit from the Thunderbirds mascot Boomer. Students who complete twenty reading sessions of twenty minutes each between November 25, 2026 and January 5, 2027 will earn a FREE ticket to cheer on the Thunderbirds at their game on January 29, 2027.
-Grants Update: The continued funding of the Innovation Career Pathways Implementation and Support Grant helps Greenfield High School develop course offerings for grades nine through twelve, strengthen partnerships with local businesses and colleges and provide the equipment and resources needed for hands-on learning.
-A new Restorative Practices Coordinator has been hired
-AI (Artificial Intelligence) Advisory Team Update: The first meeting was held on October 27, 2026 where the group began work to propose updates to the current Empowered Digital Use Policy.
C. Superintendent Report
-New faces at Central Office
-Food Service Department receives the 2026 Health Start Award for Academy of Early Learning, Federal Street School, Four Corners School and Newton School for reaching 80 percent or more students with school breakfast. Congratulations!
-Winds for Kids Program will be starting for fourth grade students and middle school students after the Thanksgiving break.
-Greenfield Recreation Department and Greenfield Business Association Halloween in Downtown happened on Friday, October 30th on Main Street
-Lice presentation at Federal Street School on Wednesday, October 28, 2026
-MASC/MASS (Massachusetts Association of School Committees/Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents) annual joint conference in Danvers, Massachusetts that ran from Wednesday, November 4 - Friday, November 6, 2026
-NSIP (New Superintendent Induction Program) Superintendent Budget Conference meeting recap from Friday, October 23, 2026
-NESDEC (New England School Development Council) enrollment projection
-November events happening

VI. Consent Agenda
A. Approve draft minutes from October 14, 2026 meeting
B. Second Read and Vote of Revised Policy JKAA; Physical Restraint of Students
C. Accept and approve the $25.00 (twenty-five dollar) Amazon gift card donation from the University of Chicago to the Four Corners School

VII. School Committee Reports
A. Chair's Report
-Time for report back on meeting with Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
-Massachusetts Educator Diversity Act: report back on the Massachusetts Educator Equity Alliance conference on Friday, October 30, 2026
-Report back on MASC/MASS (Massachusetts Association of School Committees/Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents) annual joint conference
-Committee Self Evaluation Survey – please complete by November 23, 2026 so I can collate results for December

-In December:
- Committee Self evaluation discussion
- Committee goals for the coming year
- District goals for the coming year
- Revisiting the year long agenda for calendar year 2027

B. Budget, Finance and Warrants Subcommittee Report

-Last meeting was held on November 2, 2026 and highlights included: an update on the school district phone contract; parent communications platform is now only ParentSquare and a couple bills that needed clarification.

-In November and early December, the subcommittee will focus on Policy DBD (Budget Planning) listening sessions with various PTO's (Parent Teacher Organization) and advocacy groups.

C. Policy, Program, and School Committee Handbook Subcommittee Report

- Met on October 19, 2026 with continued policy clean up and review. Handbook changes were reviewed and a list of items that need work was compiled which included: add resolution template; add Executive duties; fill in academic dashboard placeholder information; update superintendent contact information; clean up formatting and description in the subcommittee section.

-Things remaining to do are: write an academic integrity policy; discuss media literacy/AI (Artificial Intelligence) course; create subcommittee debrief language for the handbook so there is a plan for archiving of yearly work

D.Community Engagement Subcommittee Report

-At the time of the posting, there were no topics reasonably anticipated by the Chair

E. Long-Term Facilities Use Advisory Committee

-Met on November 4, 2026 to review additional documents related to the facilities, enrollment, and current capital planning projections. Additionally, the advisory committee generated specific questions for guests who will present at future meetings related to the topics of regionalization, community schools model, and the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) processes.

F. CES (Collaborative for Educational Services) Representative Update

-At the time of the posting, there were no topics reasonably anticipated by the Chair

G. Precinct Report:

-Last meeting was held on October 15, 2026 for precincts 2,4,5 and 7 (two, four, five and seven). While the topics raised at the meeting were not directly related to the school department, many were tangential to the distinct - things like the financial implications of the Franklin County Technical School vote passing and the difficulties of publicizing town news and events for residents not on social media. The only school-related topic raised was gender and sexuality in the classrooms and school libraries (including the city library).

VIII. New Business

-Motion to approve a letter of support: Additional State Funding for Franklin County Tech School Build

-Motion to approve a letter of support: Group Insurance Commission (GIC) Coverage Area Expansion

-School Committee Chromebook and Two-Factor Authentication to be added to the School Committee Handbook

-Motion from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee to have the Mayor and Superintendent investigate the viability of purchase of the Center School for use by the Greenfield Public Schools

-Motion from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee to ask the Superintendent and Business Manager determine how much money could be reallocated to programs if each building is taken off-line

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X. Vote to enter into Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid Requirements; and M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22 (f), (g). The Committee will NOT return to Open Session

XI. 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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