

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES: Monday, September 16, 2019
GPS Central Office, 195 Federal Street, Greenfield MA

Present: Katie Caron (KC); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Jordana Harper, Superintendent (JH); Susan Hollins (SH); Glenn Johnson (GJ); William Martin (WM); Adrienne Nunez (AN)

Absent: Cameron Ward (CW)

Also present: Donna DuSell, Greenfield Recreation Commission; Matthew Holloway, Director of Pupil Services; Stephen Nembirkow, Business Manager; Amy Proietti, parent; Susan Voss, Academy of Early Learning staff.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (KC, SE, SH, GJ, WM, AN), Chair Nunez opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Amy Proietti, parent and candidate for School Committee, questioned whether Susan Hollins' educational consultant work presented an ethics conflict, suggested asking the Commonwealth Ethics Commission for advice.

Donna DuSell, Greenfield Recreation Commission, asked that discussions of GMS parking solutions consider the active use of GMS fields by adult softball teams; Commission wants to be part of finding parking solution.

Susan Voss, AEL staff, praised respectful contract negotiations with instructional aids (Unit C), and noted that IAs earn less than dishwashers; many have second jobs; IAs want to continue their work with children.

III. New Business

A. FY20 Budget Update

WM stated that budget documents were emailed to members on Sept. 13 at 12:54pm, 3:32pm, and 7pm; claimed current meeting is illegal because it violates 48-hour notice.

Discussion:

Meeting was posted within 48-hour rule.

At prior meeting, consensus that budget documents would come at end of day Friday.

AN moved to table FY20 Budget Update. GJ 2nd. Motion passed 3-1-2.

B. GMS/Central Office Parking

JH: Discussions continue with Fire Chief, DPW, Recreation Dept.; concern for safety; on-going negotiations with church for use of church parking lot when viable.

C. Scheduling October Meeting(s)

Regular School Committee meeting on October 9 cancelled for observance of Yom Kippur.

Special meeting set for October 21, 5:00 pm, location TBD. Public comment will remain open later in meeting.

IV. Executive Session

AN announced intent to move into Executive Session in accordance with MGL c 30A, §21, (3) & (10): (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 (Unit C); and (10) To discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information prepared.

AN moved to enter Executive Session. SE 2nd. Roll call vote: Yes – SH, KC, AN, GJ, SE. No - WM. Motion passed 5-1. Entered Executive Session at 5:26 p.m.

AN moved to leave Executive Session. GJ 2nd. Roll call vote: Yes –SH, WM, AN, GJ, AN, SE. Returned to public session at 7:13 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

AN moved to adjourn. GJ 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents

1. Notice and Agenda September 16, 2019
2. School Committee Requested Documents: Memo from Steve Nembirkow to School Committee, September 13, 2019
 - a. Updated tracked FY20 Budget that balances to the City Council Appropriation
 - b. Revolving Account Summary with Estimated Balances
 - c. Summary of Offsets including Revolving for FY20