

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES: Wednesday, August 25, 2022
Greenfield MA**

Note: This meeting was held fully remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §20.

Present: Elizabeth Deneve (ED); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Jean Wall (JW); Roxann Wedegartner (RW)

Absent: Glenn Johnson-Mussad (GJM); Kathryn Martini (KM); Amy Proietti (AP)

Also present: Christine DeBarge, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (ED, SE, JW, RW) and in the absence of Chair Proietti, Vice-Chair Wall called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Nurse Leader

RW moved to approve the Superintendent's appointment of Melissa Bednarski as the Nurse Leader for Greenfield Public Schools. ED 2nd. Dr. DeBarge presented Bednarski's qualifications. Has support of all GPS school nurses. **Motion passed unanimously.**

III. School Handbooks

SE moved to approve the 2022-2023 school handbooks. RW 2nd.

Discussion:

Standard language among all handbooks except:

Elementary handbooks have different arrival/departure procedures

GHS includes section on athletic & graduation requirements. Omits toy guidelines.

Handbooks done with attorney's guidance.

Handbooks available online. Limited number of print copies available. Parents asked to sign assurance they have read handbooks.

Vision section: change "his or her" to "their"

Unable to remove dated reference to beepers because it's "statutorily required" (p. 18)

Dr. DeBarge: commitment to review handbooks in May next year.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

SE moved to adjourn. RW 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary

Meeting Materials

1. Agenda: August 24, 2022
2. Handbooks: GHS, GMS, Federal Street, Newton, Discovery School at Four Corners, Academy of Early Learning