

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES: September 5, 2018**  
GCTV Studio, 393 Main Street, Greenfield MA  
Approved 09.12.18

**Present:** Don Alexander (DA); Katie Caron (KC); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Jordana Harper, Superintendent (JH); Susan Hollins (SH); Adrienne Nunez (AN); Cameron Ward (CW).

**Absent:** William Martin (WM)

**Also present:** Sarah Ahern (resident); Bob Cooley (resident); Doug Selwyn (resident); Andrew Vernon (parent); Ann Valentine (teacher, Federal Street); other school staff, citizens, and the press.

### **I. Call to Order**

With a quorum present (DA, KC, SE, SH, AN, CW), Chair Nunez opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment**

Chair Nunez reviewed policy on public comment.

Andrew Vernon, parent, commented on specific items in Superintendent's evaluation and need for improvement.

Sarah Ahern, resident, praised Superintendent as supportive, inspiring, including providing Project HERE at GMS; invited all to attend Opioid Task Force meetings.

Doug Selwyn, resident, expressed desire to increase public involvement in meetings, suggested change to structure of meeting to allowing dialogue during business; looking for more complete information about Superintendent evaluation and process.

Bob Cooley, resident, asked how community information was gathered for evaluation and noted that ratings at "proficient" show evidence that suggests "exemplary." Offered again to help with curriculum work on civics.

Ann Valentine, Federal Street teacher and GEA president, voiced support for Superintendent as a good communicator and approachable, available, transparent.

### **III. FY18 Superintendent's Evaluation**

AN summarized process and timeline.

SE, who compiled members' responses, described process and technical challenges: printout does not show full set of responses.

**SE moved to approve the Superintendent's FY18 evaluation with final assessment of proficient in all areas, with individual comments removed. CW 2nd. Motion passed 5-0-1 (SH abstain).**

**CW moved to approve Goals 1 and 2 at level of Significant Progress. KC 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

**SE moved to include a statement presenting this year's process and the challenges that we faced: "In completing the FY 18 Superintendent evaluation, the School Committee would like to make note of unique difficulties that it intends to address going forward in FY19. These**

**include technology, consistency of forms, clarity of process, and rolling timeline.” SH 2nd. Motion passed 5-0-1 (CW abstain).**

#### **IV. Adjournment**

KC moved to adjourn. CW 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Farber  
Recording Secretary

#### **Meeting Documents**

1. Agenda: September 5, 2018
2. End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Committee Compilation
3. End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Superintendent’s Self Assessment
4. Educator Evaluation, Superintendent of Schools, Evidence of Performance 2017-2018