

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, May 18, 2021  
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:** Katie Caron (KC); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Susan Hollins (SH); Glenn Johnson-Mussad (GJM); Amy Proietti (AP); Jean Wall (JW); Roxann Wedegartner (RW) (joined 6:13)

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Nadine Eckstrom, TMS; Judy Houle, Interim Superintendent; other school staff, citizens, and the press.

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

With a quorum present (KC, SE, SH, GJM, AP, JW), Chair Proietti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **II. Proposed Policies**

#### **A. Second Reading and Vote on First Read Policies**

**JW moved to approve the policies as second read under Item A in the agenda:**

**EBC-S (COVID-related issues)**

**IHBHE (Remote Learning)**

**JBB (Educational Equity)**

**JFABD (Homeless students: enrollment rights and services)**

**JFABE (Educational opportunities for military children)**

**JICH (Drug/alcohol use by students)**

**GJM 2nd. Yes – KC, SE, SH, GJM, AP, JW. Motion passed unanimously.**

When do policies take effect? Immediately, unless otherwise stated by School Committee. If policies impact working conditions, need to notify union. Nadine Eckstrom, TMS, will send policies to union president to inform membership.

#### **B. Waive First Reading**

**GJM moved to waive the first read of:**

**ADF (School District Wellness Program)**

**JKAA (Physical Restraint of Students).**

**JW 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

**GJM moved to approve ADF (School District Wellness Program) as presented, to go into effect on July 1, 2021. SE 2nd.**

Discussion:

Need to inventory GPS wellness programs/curricula, likely by new Assistant Superintendent for curriculum.

Delayed date allows review for conflicts, plan for implementation.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**GJM moved to approve JKAA (Physical Restraint of Students) as provided. SH 2nd.**

2nd paragraph: "himself or herself" change to gender-neutral "themselves."

Revisions to the current policy are for wording clarity only and to add “guardian.” No need to pass with extended effective date.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. First Reading**

**JW moved to approve the first reading of policy JICFB (Bullying Prevention) as presented.**

**GJM 2nd.**

Discussion:

If bullying happens in outside of but connected to schools, it is school’s responsibility.

This is most up-to-date policy from MASCC; may change due to court case currently in process.

Good topic for training.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**SE moved to approve policy ACAB (Harassment) for a first reading. GJM 2nd.**

**Yes – KC, SE, GJM, AP, JW, RW. Abstain – SH. Motion passed 5-0-1.**

### **III. Bullying Prevention Plan**

**SE moved to approve the Bullying Prevention Plan. GJM 2nd.**

Discussion:

How does this plan affect students with cognitive/emotional disabilities? Revision changes one-person investigation to team approach to include person familiar with student.

Need to create simple versions for students to read, understand. Supt. Houle will follow up.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **IV. Changes at State Level to Covid Protocols**

GPS leadership is gathering information and guidance, will need time to prepare next steps to maintain safety.

**V. Executive Session** - MGL c 30A, §21, (a): (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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. The committee will not return to Open Session.

RW moved to enter Executive Session. JW 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

GJM moved to close public session. SE 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Public session adjourned, moved to Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Farber

Recording Secretary