

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES: Wednesday, August 4, 2021
Greenfield High School Library, Greenfield MA

Present: Susan Eckstrom (SE); Susan Hollins (SH); Glenn Johnson-Mussad (GJM); Amy Proietti (AP); Roxann Wedegartner (RW); Jean Wall (JW) (arrived 6:04 p.m.)

Absent: Katie Caron (KC)

Also present: Christine DeBarge, Incoming Superintendent; Judy Houle, Acting Superintendent (TMS); Karin Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent; and the press.

I. Call to Order

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

II. 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.

RW moved to enter Executive Session. SE 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Moved into executive session at 6:03 p.m. Returned to public session at 6:26 p.m.

III. Contract for Superintendent DeBarge

RW moved to approve the contract for superintendent with Dr. Christine DeBarge. SE 2nd. Praise for Dr. DeBarge as unanimous choice and for smooth search/hiring process. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Proietti and Dr. DeBarge signed the contract.
Thanks to Jean Wall for leading the search committee and to Judy Houle, acting superintendent.

IV. Superintendent Evaluation Process

Acting Supt. Houle led a workshop on superintendent evaluation process, as developed by DESE.

V. Scheduling School Committee meetings

Consensus to move September's regular meeting on Sept. 8 (end of Rosh Hashanah) to Monday, Sept. 13. Potentially requires change of location if JZ Community Center is not available.
Next meeting: Wednesday, August 11.

VI. Adjournment

SH moved to adjourn. SE 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents

1. DESE End of Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Superintendent
2. DESE Educator Plan Form
3. MASC Legal Alert: Boelter v. Board of Selectmen of Wayland, April 9, 2018
4. MASC Legal Issues: Summary of Wayland Case – Superintendents’ Evaluation
5. DESE Model System for Educator Evaluation: Evaluating Superintendents and District-Level Administrators, August 2019
6. DESE Model System for Educator Evaluation: Superintendents and District-Level Administrator Rubric, July 2019
7. DESE Acceleration Roadmap: Pathway to an Equitable Recovery, May 2021 (School Leader Edition, Classroom Educator Edition)
8. DESE Multi-Tiered System of Support