

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES: Wednesday, December 8, 2021**
Jon Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St., Greenfield MA

Present: Katie Caron (KC); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Glenn Johnson-Mussad; (GJM); Amy Proietti (AP); Jean Wall (JW)

Absent: Susan Hollins (SH); Roxann Wedegartner (RW)

Also present: Christine DeBarge, Superintendent; Karin Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent; other school staff, many citizens & the press

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (KC, SE, GJM, AP, JW), Chair Proietti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Update from DPW

Overview of planning for winter weather postponed until next month.

III. Approval of Minutes

GJM moved to approve draft minutes of November 10 and November 22, 2021. KC 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Speaking against a School Resource Officer and for alternative options: Claudia Black, Greenfield; GHS students R.C.T., A.J., C.C., I.M., Z.P., E.G., D.P., A.P., T.F., A.H.; Jessica Pruitt, Turners Falls, GHS teacher; Carlos Peña, Greenfield.

Brian Hayes, Greenfield, parent, encouraged personal responsibility for behavior.

Several students also shared concerns about school climate, including racism.

V. Reports

A. Student Representatives

S.T. and B.W. reported on activities and community service projects by GHS organizations; winter sports; advisories. Noted improved student behavior, reduction in conflicts; continued concerns re: students disregarding mask policy.

B. Administration Reports

1. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Karin Patenaude summarized work in ELA and math curricula, leadership mentoring, GCC/GHS Beacon program, elementary library assessments. *(Details in written report.)*

2. Superintendent

Christine DeBarge described ongoing work, including discussions with Chief Haigh; staff PD; staff vacancies; FY23 budget; Director of Food Services hired; volunteers in schools. *(Details in written report.)*

Praise for GHS senior R.C.T., who received the Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award.

C. School Committee Reports

1. Chair (AP)

- Grateful for all who provided public comment
- Acknowledged service of outgoing School Committee members Susan Hollins and Katie Caron
- Jean Wall is School Committee's representative on GHS and GMS School Councils

2. Policy & Program Subcommittee (GJM)

Subcommittee is restarting full review of policies with MASC.

GJM moved to approve Policy JIC: Student Conduct, as presented. AP 2nd. This is second reading and vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Unit A, Unit C, and Transportation negotiations

Negotiations in December will be supported by current members of the Personnel & Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – AP, SE, JW – until subcommittees reorganize in January.

VII. 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.

GJM moved to enter executive session. KC 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Entered executive session at 7:38 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned out of executive session. JW moved to adjourn. GJM 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary

Meeting Materials

1. Agenda: December 8, 2021
2. Draft minutes: November 10 and November 22, 2021
3. Superintendent's Update, Dec. 8, 2021
4. Assistant Superintendent Update, Dec. 8, 2021
5. Financial Reports:
 - a. Year-to-Date Budget, Dec. 3, 2021
 - b. Revolving Account Balances, Nov. 3, 2021