

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES: Thursday, March 3, 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 Deneeve (ED); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Glenn Johnson-Mussad; (GJM); Kathryn Martini (KM); Amy Proietti (AP); Jean Wall (JW); Roxann Wedegartner (RW)

Absent: none

Also present: Christine DeBarge, Superintendent; Karin Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent; other school staff, citizens

I. Call to Order With a quorum present (ED, SE, GJM, KM, AP, JW, RW), Chair Proietti called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

II. Face Covering Policy

Chair Proietti introduced the recommended revised face covering policy.

SE moved to replace the current Policy EBCFA Face Coverings with the revised policy as of March 3, 2022. JW 2nd. The proposed revised policy was displayed on-screen and read out loud by SE.

Discussion:

- Vaccination or immunocompromised status of staff/students is private, between nursing staff & individual.
- Noted lack of resources available to schools & communities to respond to pandemic.
- Revised policy provides choices for families/students to mask or not; need to support students/staff who continue to wear masks, including making masks available & anti-bullying messages.
- This is public health issue, not political. Desire to care for all community members.
- Acknowledged active community input, hope for continued community engagement.
- Dr. DeBarge described health mitigation strategies that will continue, including air purifiers, airflow, hand sanitizer/washing, physical distancing, pooled testing, contact tracing. HVAC systems are in good condition.
- Protocols for post-infection, post-quarantine period.

The intent is to pass this policy on first reading based on public health emergency & to affirm at next meeting. **Yes: SE, GJM, KM, AP, JW, RW; No: ED. Motion passed 6-1.**

III. Adjournment

RW moved to adjourn. GJM 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary

Meeting Materials

1. Agenda: March 3, 2022
2. Draft proposed GPS Policy EBCFA Face Coverings