

MINUTES

Greenbush School Committee-BUDGET Meeting

October 7, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Helen S. Dunn School

I. Opening @ 7:12 PM

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Quorum:

1. Mike Williams, Chr. , A. Wood, Vice-Chr. , K.McCrum ,

Matt Speed , Jen Nevells

2. Others Present: Gwen Smith

C. Flag Salute

II. A. Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2020

Moved: JN

Second: KM

Vote: 5/0/0

III. Recognition

IV. Spotlight on Learning – Spotlights from teachers are included in the Principal's Report

V. Public Participation

VI. Educational Reports

A. Finance – A financial report was distributed for review. Also, the CRF2 Grant was submitted and approved today. The funds will cover the following: We still need to purchase devices for students in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 so these students can access their education remotely when needed. Some of our staff members have not been provided with devices or software yet so these purchases will be finalized. All students and staff are using water bottles but we require water filling stations to keep up with demand. Our greatest needs include (1) replacing old carpet with tile for safely and effectively cleaning and sanitizing learning spaces and (2) to ready the ground to create more outdoor learning spaces for students and to fence in this area for our youngest students to ensure safety since the area is located next to a parking lot and road. This is a critical need to get the youngest students outside as much as possible in a safe manner. Seating, coverings, and outdoor learning materials are required for the outdoor

learning spaces. We will also purchase software, materials, and supplies that support social distancing and purchase more recess bags/supplies for students who must spend recess time distanced from their peers. Due to social distancing requirements, we require additional supplies and equipment for students in the PE classes along with other supplies for regular classrooms that support remote learning or socially distanced learning in the classroom. Some additional PPE equipment will be necessary to ensure safety in the school environment along with other safety and sanitation equipment. Also, funds are required for the social/emotional needs of our students who require mental health services along with a health screener for the increased medical screening required daily. Additionally, funds are also needed to cover the increased need for substitutes and the additional custodial hours we will require to ready classrooms for carpet removal and to set up classrooms again for learning. If another closure is required, we will need to expand our software purchases along with books, materials, and supplies conducive for remote learning. The Superintendent will immediately go out to bid for the upgrades in flooring.

B. Principal – The Principal’s Report was distributed, which includes current enrollment, Student of the Month recipients, and Spotlights on Learning from PreK-Gr. 1, Grades 2-5, Grades 6-8, Mr. Brownwell (PE) and Mr. O’Keefe (Art, Library and Tech.)

C. Special Education – Special Ed. enrollment is included on the Principal’s Report. The students have settled in well, even with the new restrictions. All testing and meetings are on schedule, and the SPP Program is looking forward to the new outdoor learning space that will be paid for with grant funds.

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Items that may require Board Action

A. Superintendent’s Add-ons: none

IX. Policy Approval

X. Superintendent’s Report (s)

A. Resignations - none

B. Retirements - none

C. Meetings – Superintendent meetings, DOE meetings, HS meetings

D. New Hires – Samantha Holden, Ed. Tech.

E. Other – The staff will spend the Friday, Oct. 9th Teacher In-Service Day preparing for remote snow days so these days can count towards regular attendance and exploring new software that has been purchased for in-person

and remote work. Part of this day will also focus on planning for teachers who teach in-person and simultaneously have some students in their classrooms working 100% remotely from home. Many Ed. Techs. will be participating in Safety Care training.

- XI. Chairman's Report – Review of the MSBA Resolutions. Support for the delegate voting for the MSBA Resolutions are as follows: Distance-Learning Plan as presented– No; Building Stronger as presented- No; Equity in Education as presented- No; Remote Participation- Yes
- XII. Workshop Discussion – Chairman Williams requests members to contact the Superintendent if they would like to be registered for the MSMA Assembly.
- XIII. Other – Chairman Williams requests that Audrey Wood be submitted as Delegate rather than Alternate Delegate. He has withdrawn his name as Delegate due to a scheduling conflict.
- XIV. Next monthly meeting date: Wednesday, November 4 @ 7:00 PM
- XV. Adjournment

Moved: AW Time: 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted, *Gwen Smith*, Superintendent

Pursuant to Title 26 M.R.S.A. ss965C, the Greenbush School Board hereby specifically requests of bargaining agents within the Greenbush School Department Education System that said agents meet and consult on educational policies which are part or may become part of this agenda.