

MINUTES
Greenbush School Committee-BUDGET Meeting
November 18, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Helen S. Dunn School

ZOOM LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/99411384759?pwd=aERnTzFZeEJvaVJLaWoxYnJrL1Vjdz09>

- I. Opening @ 7:08PM
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Declaration of Quorum:
 - 1. Mike Williams, Chr. (Ex), A. Wood, Vice-Chr. __X__, K.McCrum __X__,
Matt Speed __X__, Jen Nevells __X__
 - 2. Others Present: Gwen Smith
 - C. Flag Salute
- II. A. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2020
 - Moved: KM Second: JN Vote: 4/0/0
- III. Recognition – Thank you to Mrs. Mandy Blessard and Mrs. Judy Lyon, our nurses, for putting together a COVID response plan of contacts for CDC reporting. This work was especially helpful during our recent identified COVID 19 case when we had to close the school for 3 days of deep cleaning. The 5th grade students and several staff members remain in quarantine until Nov. 23rd.
- IV. Spotlight on Learning – included in the Principal’s Report
- V. Public Participation
- VI. Educational Reports
 - A. Finance: A regular finance report was distributed. In addition, COVID CRF2 Funding has been approved and will pay for the following: All students and staff are using water bottles but we require water filling stations to keep up with demand. Additional plumbing and electrical costs are included and covered under CRF2 funds for applicable projects. 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, along with a riding snow-blower. We will also purchase lockers, 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 will be necessary to ensure safety in the school environment along with other safety and sanitation items. 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 technology purchases along with books, materials, and supplies conducive for remote learning.

The Carpet Removal, Materials and Installation were purchased as emergency sole source procurements under the federal procurement requirements due to not only the imminent timeline and availability of services, but also the national pandemic and the Governor's proclamation declaring an emergency to exist in the state of Maine, and the Governor's various orders following the proclamation of emergency.

The groundwork, fencing, equipment and supplies for the outdoor classrooms were purchased as emergency sole source procurements under the federal procurement requirements due to not only the imminent timeline and availability of services, but also the national pandemic and the Governor's proclamation declaring an emergency to exist in the state of Maine, and the Governor's various orders following the proclamation of emergency.

B. Principal – The Principal's Report was distributed, which includes the Student of the Month recipients for October along with Spotlights on Learning from each class. The students and staff are all working very hard at school on academic and emotional/social learning.

C. Special Education – Mrs. Webber reports that students with IEPs continue to do well with masks and shields and are able to maintain safety precautions at school. All meetings and evaluations are on target to meet compliance.

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Items that may require Board Action

A. Superintendent’s Add-ons: Motion to remove grassy area outside Pre-K classroom and replace with tar. Planters will be placed in the area outside of winter months to discourage parking close to the building.

Moved: MS Second: JN Vote: 4/0/0

IX. Policy Approval

X. Superintendent’s Report (s)

A. Resignations – Maranda Batchelder, Ed. Tech

B. Retirements - none

C. Meetings – High School meetings, Penquis, SPRPCE and PREP Superintendent meetings

D. New Hires - none

E. Other - The Ed. Tech position has been posted.

XI. Chairman’s Report – Vice Chairwoman Audrey Wood attended the delegate assembly at the MSMA Fall Conference. The delegation initially voted to combine all 4 resolutions together to address as one vote. After about 45 minutes, the work was completed to separate the resolutions out for single votes. All 4 proposed resolutions passed.

XII. Workshop Discussion

XIII. Other – A Zoom link will be available for next month’s meeting.

XIV. Next monthly meeting date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

XV. Adjournment

Moved: MS Second: JN Time: 7:30 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.