

MINUTES  
Greenbush School Committee-Organizational Meeting  
August 23, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
Helen S. Dunn School

I. Opening @ 7:11 p.m.

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Quorum:

1. Mike Williams Chr.,  Audrey Wood, Vice Chr. (Ex), Matt Speed

Jen Nevells (Ex), Carrie Madden

2. Others Present – Gwen Smith, Supt.; Lori Webber, Special Education Director

C. Flag Salute

D. Nomination to Elect Board Chair

1.1 Nominations for Chairperson

1.2 Motion to cease nominations Moved: MS Second: CM Vote: 2/0/1

1.3 Selection of Chairperson

Motion to elect MW as Board Chair Moved: MS Second: CM Vote: 2/0/1

E. Nomination to Elect Vice-Chair

1.1 Nominations for Vice-Chairperson

1.2 Motion to cease nominations Moved: MS Second: CM Vote: 3/0/0

1.3 Selection of Vice-Chairperson

Motion to elect AW as Vice-Chair Moved: MS Second: CM Vote: 3/0/0

II. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2023

Moved: MS Second: MW Vote: 3/0/0

III. Recognition – Thank you to Ella, Jimmy, and additional days from Samantha for all your hard work in preparing the building for a new school year!

IV. Spotlight on Learning – Sneak Peek on Tuesday, Aug. 29th from 1-2 PM

V. Public Participation

VI. Educational Reports

A. Finance – An updated financial report was distributed. Updates were provided on the underground tank and due to the tremendous rise in price, we will go out to bid. The upstairs storage has been relocated to a new storage room so no needed costs are required. Several building projects identified by Jason Johnson from the Maine Municipal Association have been addressed and final projects will be addressed this year. We are still waiting on contractor availability for outside work.

B. Principal – The Principal’s Report with current HSD enrollment was distributed.

C. Special Education – Mrs. Webber reported about current student and staff needs.

VII. Items that may require Board Action

A. Superintendent's Add-ons:

**1. Attendance Coordinator & Officer:** Motion to appoint Barbara Ouellette as the District Attendance Coordinator/Officer.

Motion: MS                      Second: CM                      Vote: 3/0/0

**2. Foster Care Liaison:** Motion to appoint Lori Webber as the District Foster Care Liaison.

Motion: MS                      Second: CM                      Vote: 3/0/0

**3. School Physician:** Motion to recognize \_\_\_\_\_ as the school's physician.

**Tabled**

**4. Crisis Emergency Plan:** Motion to approve the School's Crisis-Emergency Plan and update the date of adoption.

Motion: MS                      Second: CM                      Vote: 3/0/0

**5. Student Handbook:** Motion to approve the Student Handbook with changes and update the date of adoption.

Motion: MS                      Second: CM                      Vote: 3/0/0

Superintendent's Report (s)

B. Resignations – Ethan Welch, Grade 8 & Middle School Science Teacher

C. Retirements - none

D. Meetings – Reminder: MSMA Conference on October 26 – 27, 2023

E. New Hires/Moves - Sadie Dillon moves from Grade 7 to Grade 8 homeroom teacher

**Recommended Action:** Motion to appoint Hannah Dore as a long-term sub for one year as the Grade 7 homeroom teacher and middle-level Science Teacher for FY24

Supt. Recommends                      Second: MS                      Vote: 3/0/0

VIII. Chairman's Report – The Region II Zoom Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

IX. Workshop Discussion – The Negotiations Seminar typically occurs in December.

X. Other

XI. Next Monthly Meeting Date: September 06, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

XII. Motion to Adjourn                      Moved: MS                      Time: 10:04 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.*