

MINUTES  
Greenbush School Committee-Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Helen S. Dunn School

I. Opening @ 7:00 PM

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Quorum:

1. Mike Williams, Chr. , Jen Nevells, Vice-Chr. , Matt Speed ,  
Carrie Madden , Marty Carmichael

2. Others Present: Gwen Smith, Gail Madden, Suzanne Morton, Samantha Holden, Ann Bean, Eryn Tuulima, Sherry Valare, Josh O’Keefe

C. Flag Salute

II. A. Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2024

Moved: MC            Second: MS            Vote: 5/0/0

III. Recognition

IV. Spotlight on Learning – Ms. Libby reported that our Pre-K program has ten students this year, and they are such a great group of students! Along with perfecting school routines and directions, we have been practicing writing our names, using classroom tools like markers, glue, and scissors correctly, getting curious about letters and numbers and what they do, and learning about social values, such as what makes a good friend. We continue to be thankful for the Pre-K playground space that was created for us during COVID-19— we still use this space every day, and it is always a highlight in our schedule. Mrs. Bean stated that Grades 1-2 participated in “Balloons over Broadway,” created a STEM balloon project, and showcased them in a parade. Mrs. Tuulima shared that 4<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a STEM Day with grades 3 & 5, and switched groups to complete activities. Ms. Valare explained that middle school students in her program were working on writing that helped students find their writing style and were also working on fundamentals in mathematics.

V. Public Participation

VI. Educational Reports

A. Finance - A current finance report was distributed.

B. Principal – The Principal’s Report shows four students were added to our enrollment after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

C. Special Education – All special education enrollment numbers are included in the Principal’s Report.

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- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Items that may require Board Action
- A. Superintendent's Add-ons: none
- IX. Policy Approval: Motion to accept the first reading of ECAD & ECAD-R
- Moved: MS      Second: MC      Vote: 5/0/0
- X. Superintendent's Report (s)
- A. Resignations
- B. Retirements - With deep appreciation to the Greenbush community, Gwen Smith is retiring as Principal, effective June 30, 2025. She will continue to work as Superintendent.
- C. Meetings – student meetings, workshops
- D. New Hires
- E. Other: **Recommended Action:** The Board should enter into an executive session to discuss negotiations, as provided for in I M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A).
- In: 7:24 PM      Out: 7:54 PM
- No action taken.
- Moved: MS      Second: MC      Vote: 5/0/0
- XI. Chairman's Report – Chairman Williams shared that an MSBA organizational meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Regional meetings will be starting again.
- XII. Workshop Discussion
- XIII. Other – Board stipends will be submitted for payment before Christmas.
- XIV. Next monthly meeting date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
- XV. Adjournment
- Moved: MC      Time: 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Gwen Smith*, Superintendent

*Under 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 that are part or may become part of this agenda.*