

MINUTES
Greenbush School Committee-BUDGET Meeting
April 1, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Helen S. Dunn School

I. Opening at 7:25 PM

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Quorum:

1. Mike Williams, Chr. ✓ , Jen Nevells, Vice-Chr. ✓ , Matt Speed ✓ ,

Carrie Madden: resigned 4/1/26, Marty Carmichael_(Ex.)_

2. Others Present: Gwen Smith, Supt., Kelly Theriault, Dist. Admin/Business
Mngr., Gail Madden, Principal/A.D.; Suzanne Libby; Melissa Conary

C. Flag Salute

II. A. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2026

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

III. Public Participation - none

IV. Principal's Educational Reports

A. Principal's Report - Spotlight on Learning: 4th Grade held a Wax Museum featuring their "Extraordinary People" essays. They researched remarkable individuals and presented their findings in an interactive wax museum format. Each student "came to life" as their extraordinary figure. 5th Grade students have finished working on personal narrative essays and will be making their own books shortly. Sixth graders are learning about Ancient Civilizations and putting their creativity to the test by creating their own hieroglyphic codes and gods and goddesses. Seventh graders are learning about probability and are starting projects to create their own games using their knowledge of "chance." Eighth graders are learning about translations, rotations, and reflections, and will use this to create fun pictures on graphs.

B. Special Education

V. Superintendent's Items that may require Board Action

A. Teacher Nominations:

Motion to approve the nomination of William Bradley (Music Teacher) for a continuing teacher contract:

Recommended by G. Smith Second: MS Vote: 3/0/0

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Motion to approve the nomination of Ainsley Hainer (6th Grade/Math Teacher) for a continuing teacher contract:

Recommended by G. Smith Second: JN Vote: 3/0/0

VI. Superintendent's Report (s)

A. Policy Approval

1. Motion to revise IHBAC – Child Find Policy

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

2. Motion to accept the second reading of EBBD - Temperature Standards

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

3. Motion to accept the first reading of DKC Expenses, Authorization, and Reimbursement, and DJ-R Federal Procurement Manual

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

4. Motion to amend DN – Disposal of School Property, DJH – Purchasing and Contracting, and DJ – Bidding and Purchasing

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

5. Procedures to be added to our policy book

Legislation: The March 4, 2026, public hearing on LD 2226 (An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services School Funding Formula) before Maine's Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs did not result in a vote or final decision that day; it was a testimony-focused hearing. The bill remained "in committee" afterward with no report issued yet. What *did* emerge clearly were the key themes, proposals, and stakeholders' positions. A Strategic takeaway for Greenbush is that LD 2226 represents a rebalancing toward fairness, not a funding overhaul, a shift to need-based and capacity-based funding, and a likely net positive, especially in reducing local tax pressure.

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VII. District Administrator's Report (s)

- A. Resignations - none
- B. Retirements - none
- C. Meetings – Student and staff meetings, trainings
- D. New Hires – Carrie Madden, Admin Asst./School Secretary

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

- E. Monthly Finance Report – A current monthly finance report will be distributed; Proposed FY27 Budget Draft Discussion, including phone system

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt the FY27 Budget Proposal

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

F. Other: Facilities Update & Additional Updates

- Oil tank replacement needs to be done by 2032; Working with Gaftek on options/costs.
- Repairs from the broken water pipe in the speech office are underway.
- Phone/Intercom upgrades with Sierra Communications will be installed in July.
- Camera upgrades with Verkada will be implemented.
- The Anthem rate is set for a 7.5% increase
- Mrs. York will be moving to half-time next year, and Mrs. Shaffer will be moving to a cook's position.

VIII. Chairman's Report

At a recent Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) meeting, Sarah Wood, the newly appointed homeschool liaison at the Maine Department of Education, addressed attendees. Chairman Williams noted that current truancy enforcement measures lack effectiveness and may require comprehensive revision. Additionally, information about upcoming MSBA board development meetings across Maine in March will be shared via MSBA email as it becomes available.

IX. Workshop Discussion

- X. Other: Recommended Action: Motion to appoint Chris Aquilina as board member until the next town referendum vote in June 2026.

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

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XI. Next monthly meeting date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, @ 7:00 PM

XII. Adjournment

Moved: MS Time: 9:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted, *Gwen Smith*, Superintendent

Pursuant to Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 965C, the Greenbush School Board hereby specifically requests that bargaining agents within the Greenbush School Department Education System meet and consult on educational policies that are part of or may become part of this agenda.