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Mt Greylock Regional School District School Committee Finance Subcommittee

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020

Location: Zoom remote meeting

J. Art called the meeting to order at 11:06am

Present: R. Putnam, J Bergeron, J. Art, C. Greene, A. Terranova (entered after minutes approved)

Reorganization of Subcommittee

C. Greene moves to appoint C. Greene as Secretary, Art seconds. Art Aye, Greene Aye.

Approval of Minutes

J. Art moves July 2, 2020 minutes (agrees with start time adjournment information), Greene seconds. Art Aye, Greene Aye.

A. Terranova enters the meeting.

Review of Warrants - A. Terranova asks for clarification on the process, Art explains the subcommittee reviews the warrants after which Art submits approval.

Accounts Payable

Multipurpose building - process is similar to other warrants except Williams College pays the bills, rather than MG. J. Bergeron is creating a process for requisitions, received monthly from Tierny (GC). These show the amount of the total contract due each month, provide all back-up documents and change orders, and show where we are on contract price.

Tierny (GC) issues requisitions, DA Sullivan (OPM) reviews and approves requisitions, Perkins Eastman (architect) signs off, Jamie signs off, District Admin signs off, then goes to Williams College for payment.

Terranova asks if we are on budget. J. Bergeron confirms we are. C. Greene asks about the estimated completion date and whether Inspection Services has the final inspection on their calendar. J. Bergeron says the current estimate for building completion is mid-September. Reports all the inspections have been going well but will check on the final inspection as well. C. Greene asks about plans for move-in. J. Bergeron will look into this.

C. Greene inquires about procurement of reopening supplies J. Bergeron had mentioned at the last School Committee meeting. J. Bergeron reports that the State has ensured the supplies are available at a set price; he is looking into alternatives for supplies at lower prices as well.

Discussion of Proposed Outdoor Athletic Infrastructure Advisory Committee

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Carrie leads discussion of history of Phase 2, its working group, its recommendation for the synthetic turf field, the community concerns, the use of the Williams College gift, the identified intended uses (administrative building, fields, endowment).

Where we are: We have the proposal from phase 2, the community feedback, the knowledge of funds that have been used. (In October 2019, we had 6.2 million. We will have spent 3.3 million when the building project has completed.) Next valuation of gift is due in Oct 2020.

Carrie: would like to help the committee figure it out. Committee is split. Some committee members: Phase 2 subcommittee has spent tons of time on this, came up with a proposal, value engineered it. Let's get this done. Community response: there are lots of questions remaining.

Carrie developed additional documents of remaining questions, with Stephanie Boyd and John Skavlem. Also developed a proposal for the Outdoor Athletic Infrastructure Advisory Committee. In the meantime, the district has invested in the improvement of existing fields.

Question has arisen on timing for this committee's work, given the ongoing issues for the district including new personnel, return to school programming, etc.. The recent version of the Outdoor Athletic Advisory Committee proposal has input from John Skavlem and Stephanie Boyd. Carrie suggests waiting until September or October to propose the committee formation to the full school committee. J. Art agrees. J. Bergeron reminds the committee that April 2022 is the compliance deadline for ADA and Title IX.

Carrie asks for support in revising the document. Joe offers support in revision of document, and recommends Committee work being started in October. Carrie and Joe, possibly other folks to meet sooner rather than later to work on committee proposals and collect work that has already been done.

Other Business

C. Greene inquires about the Finance Subcommittee's role in assessing the financial impact of re-opening. J. Bergeron states main categories for expenses will be technology infrastructure, furniture, and staffing.

R. Putnam says we had two grants (\$116,483 ESSR and \$225/student) to help cover reopening expenses but agrees with J. Bergeron that with Ch 70 funding unclear, we may need grants to offset the deficit in state funding. We will know wishlist by the end of July but may not know Ch. 70 funding until September.

C. Greene inquires about additional cost of bussing. R. Putnam tells the committee that the district is sending out a survey to determine whether parents feel comfortable using the school busses. The results will help determine whether there will be additional bussing costs. A. Terranova inquires about rural school transportation funds. R. Putnam will check with Barb Malkas to see if this is being looked into.

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Next Finance Subcommittee meeting is July 30 at 11am

Adjourned 12:05 pm Terranova moves, Greene seconds. Art Aye, Greene Aye, Terranova Aye