

Approved 8.6.20

**Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee Open Session**

Location: Remote meeting via Zoom Date Friday , July 24, 2020

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A sec. 2, the public will not be allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting.

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

Jamie Art, Ali Carter, Christina Conry, Carrie Greene, Steve Miller, Al Terranova

Others: Adam Dupere; Liz LaFond joins second part of open session midway

- 1 Call to order at 12:05
- 2 Greene moves to go into Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per M.G.L. chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1) to discuss a complaint brought against the public body (Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by T. Daniels of iBerkshires against MGRSD School Committee) Miller seconds, Art, Aye: Carter, aye; Conry, aye; Greene, aye; Miller, aye; Terranova aye
- 3 In Executive session at 12:06
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- 4 Return to Open session at 12:32
- 5 Miller moves to Appoint Robert Putnam as District Secretary / Clerk; Greene seconds. Art, Aye; Carter, aye; Conry, aye; DiLego, aye; Greene, aye; Miller, aye; Terranova, aye.
- 6 Discussion and Selection of Questions for Superintendent interviews
  - 6.1 Goal is to have 12 – 14 questions, one per category of superintendent qualifications;
  - 6.2 Have received submissions from wide variety of stakeholders – including MGEA, students, community members, Community members; total of over 50 questions;
  - 6.3 Review of proposed questions related to Accountability –
    - 6.3.1 Miller endorses Carter’s question re past mistakes; Ali suggests combination with other, related question.
  - 6.4 “Collaboration” is next; Review of questions;
    - 6.4.1 Miller endorses Wentworth’s question on differing town capabilities; Carrie also endorses question on team building and MGEA question on engagement with teachers; Conry marks promising questions
  - 6.5 Review of Communications questions
    - 6.5.1 Ali suggests MGEA question with School Committee added, might be promising
    - 6.5.2 Carrie asks whether we are interested in, trying to get after; proposes taking introduction from Art’s question, incorporating part of MGEA question, and, with Miller’s input, incorporating other themes related to working through divisive issues, incorporating different points of view, etc.
  - 6.6 Questions related to Conflict Resolution:
    - 6.6.1 Discussion and endorsement of MGEA question about creating a common vision in a newly formed district;
  - 6.7 Review of Questions related COVID / Hybrid / Online / in person learning:
    - 6.7.1 Worked to develop a broader, umbrella on charting a course through tricky constellation issues;
  - 6.8 Review of Cultural proficiency questions

- 6.8.1 Identification of broader question related to grappling with issues of inclusion, discussion of following up with combination of Christina & Amrita's questions related to specific strategies for supporting students of color, or responding to racialized incidents;
- 6.9 Review of 3 questions related to leadership
  - 6.9.1 Steve endorses, MGEA question re taking over the helm; Carrie mentions it basically asking for entry plan; Liz Lafond endorses; (she also endorses cultural proficiency question re athletics v. arts divide)
- 6.10 Review of questions re Management style;
  - 6.10.1 Suggestion to combine them;
- 6.11 Discussion of Three questions re Special Education
  - 6.11.1 Carrie endorses Carter's question and follow up, which encompasses Marty's question on behalf of MGEA;
  - 6.11.2 [Miller leaves at 1:35];
- 6.12 Discussion of "Values" question
  - 6.12.1 Ali endorses C. Hirsch question re mental health;
  - 6.12.2 Discussion of a second question related to supporting Social emotional wellbeing for students & staff that asks for specifics;
  - 6.12.3 Miller rejoins at 1:38;
- 6.13 Discussion of "Vision" questions;
  - 6.13.1 Carrie suggests including question on roles of arts and athletics; Al remarks on importance of developing a comprehensive program, rather than choosing between or among, arts, music, and athletics;
  - 6.13.2 Discussion of Al's questions re doctoral dissertation and question about fears of high school students in 2020; positive responses to second questions
- 6.14 Review of 2018 questions
  - 6.14.1 Possible use of question related to delegation;
  - 6.14.2 Discussion of possible question related to start time for Middle & High School vs. Elementary schools – at this point we have 14 buckets of questions, hitting on all the categories;
- 7 Discussion with Liz about timing, with opening and closing, with time for candidate asking questions of us. Plan on 3-4 minutes per question.
- 8 Carrie asks about final approval of questions;
- 9 Liz mentions they are surprised level of interest we've generated; flurry of applications, even on first day, and every day since
- 10 Christina and Carrie to finalize and assign questions.

- 11 Discussion of upcoming meetings, all posted on district calendar, including meet & greets for candidates; Ali raises question about community feedback from meet & greets; Liz provides options for reporting out feedback at beginning of Friday special school committee session. Discussion of how to collect, organize, and distribute information shared by attendees at Meet & Greets; either survey monkey or google forms could collect and compile information; discussion of another feedback form for general community input – need to be careful of the content of feedback, and having HR (Jonathan Nopper) have an opportunity to redact comments as is necessary.
- 12 Terranova Moves to adjourn, Greene seconds. Art, Aye; Carter, aye; Conry, aye; Greene, aye; Miller, aye; Terranova, aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:24.