

MEETING MINUTES

Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee

Location: Zoom remote meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting.

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Special Open and Executive Session Agenda

I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Members present: Art, Carter, Conry, Greene, Miller Terranova.

Others present: R Putnam, J Bergeron, A Dupere, Colin Shebar, J Schutz

II. Chair reads the mission: At Mount Greylock Regional School District, our mission is to create a community of learners working together in a safe and challenging learning environment that encourages restorative based processes, respect, inclusive diversity, courtesy, integrity, and responsibility through high expectations and cooperation resulting in life-long learning and personal growth.

XIII. Conry moves to go into Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining with MGEA (all bargaining units) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the Chair so declares. Greene seconds.

Miller notes his opposition to discussion of topics in private, urges to have all discussions in public. Greene notes that both parties need to agree to have negotiations in public.

Art, Aye; Carter, Aye; Conry, Aye; Greene, Aye; Miller No; Terranova, Aye.

<<<In Executive Session>>>

Reconvened in open session at 7:23.

III. Memorandum of Agreement for Reopening with MGEA discussion (with possible vote)

Greene moves to approve MOA for reopening dated 9/15 as presented by the negotiating representatives this evening; Terranova seconds.

Review of terms presented by R Putnam:

- MOA largely the same as previously approved by School Committee;
- Discussion of differences, including:
 - K-6 –
 - Hybrid from 10/5 onward;
 - Teachers working remote on Wednesday;
 - Teacher assignments for Remote Academy;
 - 7-12—
 - Remains largely the same;
 - Teachers working remote on Wednesday;
 - Metrics for transitions between hybrid and fully remote:
 - Updated guidance from State
 - Safety precautions
 - No snack times at k-6 unless pursuant to IEP / 504 plan;
 - HVAC issues;
 - Provisions of masks for teachers and staff;

Discussion among school committee members, including concerns about state metrics and getting students into school. **Miller warns that if the district uses the state's color code, then 5 people testing positive in week 1, 0 in week 2, 5 in week 3 and 0 in week 4 will move the entire district to remote.**

VOTE: Art, Aye; Carter, Aye; Conry Aye; DiLego, No; Greene, Aye; Miller, No; Terranova, Aye. Motion passes 5-2.

Miller moves to amend the MOA amend the metrics section to follow the state guidelines, with yellow status of a town for three weeks triggering the consideration of whether to go hybrid or remote. **The motion was not seconded.**

IV. Other business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting—None.

Terranova moves to adjourn; Greene seconds. Art, Aye; Carter, Aye; Conry Aye; DiLego, Aye; Greene, Aye; Miller, Aye; Terranova, Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43.

Minutes approved 10.8.20 with edits.