



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

School Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 14th, 2021

Start: 6:07 PM

Adjourn: 8:18 PM (Moved to Executive Session)

Location:

Remote via Zoom

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

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
Julia Bowen Christina Conry José Constantine Curtis Efenbein Carrie Greene Michelle Johnson Steve Miller <u>Absent:</u>	Dr. Jason P. McCandless, Superintendent Joe Bergeron, Business Administrator Joelle Brookner, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
I. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by C. Conry at 6:07 PM			
II. Mission	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.			
III. Public Comment	1. Shaina Adams-El Guabli of Williamstown wrote an email to the School Committee urging schools to reopen to the fullest extent of their capacity and supported in-person learning to return. 2. Catherine Keating of Williamstown wrote an email to the School Committee asking in-person learning to return immediately and questioning the district's continued remote learning model.			



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<p>IV. Approval of December 22, 2020 minutes (VOTE)</p>	<p>MOTION to approve 12/22/20 meeting minutes by J. Bowen, seconded by C. Elfenbein</p> <p>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE</p>	<p>Bowen</p>	<p>Elfenbein</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>V. Business Administrator Update</p>	<p>A. School Council FY22 Budget Priorities by MGRS - J. Schutz presented the FY22 School Council Budget Priorities, including curriculum, technology, and various goals and resources to be implemented during COVID. Mr. Schutz laid out several social-emotional learning programs and goals to be implemented. Resources and training for staff were discussed to better tackle our current learning environment. Data analysis was also discussed in order to stay on top of everything at a district. J. Constantine asked about increased professional hours and whether it means more staff or use of existing staff. J. Schutz explained it would likely mean more FTEs and explained this was just a pilot for 7th grade. Mr. Schutz also floated a graduation requirement involving a social-emotional course. Dr. McCandless explained about a possible engagement with the Disruptive Equity Education Project that the district is waiting to hear back from. J. Bowen shared her support for the goals of the district and expressed concerns about how to talk across differences in the country and community.</p>			
<p>VII. Superintendent Updates (moved forward due to delay of Item VI) (VOTE)</p>	<p>B. Student Opportunity Act Plan (VOTE) - The SOA plan will be submitted by Friday, 1/15/21, as Dr. McCandless explained. He and Ms. Brookner presented a series of graphics on the SOA. The amount of money is unclear. J. Brookner went more in depth about the plan and what it entails which contained four proposed commitments for the district. The cost does not include the price of the new reading curriculum for the district.</p> <p>MOTION to approve the proposed Student Opportunity Act as shared and stated by M. Johnson, seconded by S. Miller</p> <p>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE</p>	<p>Johnson</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>



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<p>VI. MGRS Fields (VOTE)</p>	<p>A. Presentation with Perkins Eastman (VOTE) - J. Bergeron spoke about the process of getting the district's estimation bid and cost and introduced Dan Colli from Perkins Eastman. Mr. Colli presented a detailed slideshow on the field bid as well as comparisons from previous bidding by the district. After several specific monetary questions from the committee and discussions regarding further steps forward, several members expressed reluctance to vote on a turf field. C. Greene explained some points discussed by the Finance Subcommittee. M. Johnson supported adding ADA & Title IX requirements but did not want to vote on a turf field and suggested having the town perhaps vote on it. J. Bowen and C. Elfenbein also supported M. Johnson's suggestion. S. Miller asked about the date to have compliance for ADA and Title IX, which is April of 2022. J. Bergeron asked for clarification on what the district will do with a potential motion to advance the project, and C. Greene explained that the administration would move forward with a bid package which addresses the ADA and Title IX compliance only. After a bit more discussion about specifics, the motion was proposed by C. Greene.</p> <p>MOTION to move forward with the elements of the estimate that attend to the ADA and Title IX compliance by C. Greene, seconded by J. Bowen</p> <p>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, NAY; Miller, AYE</p>	<p>Greene</p>	<p>Bowen</p>	<p>6-1-0</p>
<p>VII. Superintendent Updates (continued)</p>	<p>A. Education Updates - Dr. McCandless presented another slideshow detailing some updates, which included COVID metrics and possible free-of-charge pool testing for our schools. Updates were given about ACCESS testing as well as how MCAS will be taken</p>			



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	and assessed. J. McCandless brought up the BESS screening that was distributed to families and next steps. After questions, Dr. McCandless spoke on longevity with these various district programs.			
VIII. Finance Subcommittee Report	C. Greene gave a brief update regarding a packet item for WES REV coils and having it move forward to a vote after being approved by the subcommittee.			
	MOTION to approve the cost of putting REV coils in place by [motion and seconded in Finance Subcommittee meeting Jan. 14, 2021]			
	Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE			
IX. Upcoming Meetings	MASC workshop on January 16th, 2021			
	Finance Subcommittee on January 28th, 2021			
	School Committee Meeting on February 11th, 2021			
X. Other business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of meeting	No other business to be reported.			
XI. Executive Session	MOTION to move into Executive Session with no intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with MGEA all units by J. Bowen, seconded by C. Elfenbein Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE The committee moved to Executive Session at 8:18 PM.	Bowen	Elfenbein	7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,
 Eli Phillips
 Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

Documents presented at 01.14.21 School Committee meeting:

-  00 School Committee Agenda 01.14.21
-  03a Public Comment, S. Adams-El Guabli
-  03b Public Comment, C. Keating
-  04 2020_12_22 MtG Special Session Minutes DRAFT
-  05A MGRS School Council - Budget Implications AY2022 (003)
-  06 Cost Coversheet MGRS Athletics 1-14-21
-  06 VE list for Field Matrix
-  07A&B Mt. Greylock Regional School District School Committee Superintendent Updates
-  07B MGRSD SOA Plan
-  08A WES - ERV Coils Replacement Quote - Updated 12.22.2020

Approved with edit 2.11.21