

Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee

Finance Subcommittee

Location: Zoom Remote Meeting Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM

Present: Carrie Greene, Michelle Johnson, Steven Miller

Also present: Jason McCandless, Joe Bergeron

Open Session Agenda

I. Call to order

II. Approval of meeting minutes

A. January 14, 2021 VOTE

B. January 28, 2021 VOTE

III. Review of warrants

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

IV. FY22 Budget priorities - three schools

V. Member town communications and updated budget timeline

VI. Other items for discussion not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours before the meeting.

VII. Motion to adjourn

I. Call to order at 4:01pm

Michelle not present so skip to accounts payable first (arrives 4:02pm)

II. Approval of meeting minutes

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Moved by Michelle, seconded by Steve, passes unanimously.

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III. Review of warrants

A. Payroll

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Nothing to call out, great to have such a detailed report

Pine Cobble payment of \$6000: represent other schools in area with proportional share, another layer of administrator for paying some of grant to us to them. Title I and Title IV payments.

Michelle: Paid \$12000 for snow removal: have we ever thought of using custodians?

Joe: considering for the future, would have to purchase equipment, store, staff. Most other districts do own removal, long term saves money.

Carrie: In building projects did we allocate space for equipment storage?

Joe: No. Storage building that was authorized up to ballpark \$90,000 from capital gift will house our tractors, mowers, snow blowers, It is large enough that we could get a truck with a plow in it.

Michelle: can we rely on towns for sand and salt?

Joe: Possible, could talk to the towns.

Carrie: Towns plows elementary schools parking lots, we pay to plow the regional school parking lot. We do the sidewalks / entries.

IV. FY22 Budget priorities - three schools

Carrie: two elementary schools will be presented tonight at full school committee.

Joe: consider what will happen next year b/c of this year, what are the priorities from the school council? ELA overhaul at the elementary schools. \$110,000 - \$150,000 for LES/WES: training, materials, overhaul libraries, Largest item coming forward tonight.

For LES: one item that is large and not shared with WES as they already have one is getting a social worker. Even without covid have needs that have not been met.

Carrie: What support is there now other than nurse?

Joe: Team approach.

Michelle: does the price include K-6?

Joe: Yes

Steve: When we had the strategic planning meetings in '18 I believe we prioritized social workers. Also to put costs in perspective how much did we have for tech last year that we will not have this year?

Joe: about \$400 for fully loaded chromebook, over last three years have funded 1-1 for all our students, so 370 students at WES that's \$150,000 and at LES about 180 students about \$72,000. Beginning to enter replacement cycles. Part of the hurdle is that we got up to speed with chromebooks quickly, but not ideal purchasing to replace a quarter and four year life span to smooth out.

Michelle: How did we fund the chromebooks?

Joe: Some from grants, some from appropriated budget.

Michelle: What Steve was looking at is will some of the technology non-purchases this year offset the ELA?

Joe: Somewhat. Important to note that the budget we are living in now was approved before covid. We have done a number of things that do not exist in that budget.

Joe: WES: addition of an FTE for 6th grade. Seeing large bubble of need in 5th grade moving up.... Aside from that both schools have significant priorities internally but not big financial impact items.

Carrie: If large 5th grade moving to 6th grade is there a large 4th grade moving up to 5th?

Joe: Currently under consideration.

Joe: MtG: Heard last time from MtG principal. How to expand staff approach to social / emotional learning being considered within the context of staffing we have. No big financial hurdles.

Steve: And chromebook situation?

Joe: Been 1-1 for awhile, MtG is the school that will need the most replacements.

V. Member town communications and updated budget timeline

SC Meeting Dates:

- January 14, 2021
- January 28, 2021
- February 11, 2021
- February 25, 2021
- March 11, 2021: Public Hearing / SC vote on budget

Town Finance Committee Meetings:

- TBD, ideally we give a brief update early and then a lengthier full presentation in mid-March (after SC approval)

Town Meetings:

- May 18, 2021: Williamstown Town Meeting
- June 8, 2021: Lanesborough Town Meeting

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VI. Other items for discussion not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours before the meeting.

VII. Motion to adjourn

Michelle moves to adjourn, Steve seconds, passes unanimously 4:33pm

Minutes taken by Steven Miller, Secretary

Approved 2.26.21