



# Mt. Greylock Regional School District

## School Committee Open Session Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, April 8th, 2021

**Start:** 6:00 PM

**Adjourn:** 7:43 PM

**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:**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Also Present:</b>
Julia Bowen Christina Conry José Constantine Curtis Elfenbein Carrie Greene Michelle Johnson Steven Miller  <b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Dr. Jason P McCandless, Superintendent Joe Bergeron, Business Administrator Patrick O'Connell, Orchestra Director, MGRS Jacqueline Vinette, Performing Arts, MGRS Colin Shebar, Assistant Principal, MGRS Nolan Pratt, Principal, LES Cindy Sheehy, Principal, WES

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order by C. Conry at 6:00 PM			
<b>II. Mission</b>	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.			
<b>III. Public Comment</b>	No public comment submitted.			
<b>IV. Student Spotlight</b>	Patrick O'Connell, the Orchestra Director at MGRS, gave a description of some of the projects he and his students have been working on. Jacqueline Vinette, Performing Arts, Band, and Chorus teacher at MGRS, also gave updates about her programs and offerings.			



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	<p>Michael, a student at MGRS, was unfortunately unable to perform for the committee due to a broken violin string. He did emphasize however the positive influence that being in the orchestra has had on him.</p> <p>Emily, also a student at MGRS, performed a bit of a sonata for flute and piano.</p> <p>Colin Shebar, Assistant Principal at MGRS, spoke about potentially filming the early morning Greylock Plays performances.</p>			
<p><b>V. Approval of Minutes (VOTE)</b></p>	<p><b>A. March 25th, 2021 (VOTE) - Motion to approve minutes from the March 25th, 2021 meeting by M. Johnson, seconded by C. Elfenbein</b></p> <p><b>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE</b></p>	<p>Johnson</p>	<p>Elfenbein</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
	<p><b>B. March 31st, 2021 (VOTE) - Motion to approve minutes from the March 31st, 2021 meeting by J. Bowen, seconded by M. Johnson</b></p> <p><b>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE</b></p> <p>*Both J. Bowen and C. Conry's names were misspelled in the minutes.</p>	<p>Bowen</p>	<p>Johnson</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p><b>VI. Principal Updates</b></p>	<p><b>A. Lanesborough Elementary</b> - Nolan Pratt, Principal of LES, gave updates on student support, student activities, and the reopening of full in-person learning. He took time to thank all those who have helped the transition back to full in-person learning a success. Mr. Pratt also gave an update on the Remote Academy.</p> <p><b>B. Williamstown Elementary</b> - Cindy Sheehy, Principal of WES, shared information on the reopening of WES and the continued collaboration with LES. 4th and 6th grade is working on theater presentations and the PTO is sponsoring a Read-A-Thon. Mrs. Sheehy shared some photos of the reopening at WES.</p> <p><b>C. Mt. Greylock Regional School</b> - Colin Shebar, Assistant Principal of MGRS, presented the updates for the MGRS. Mr. Shebar spoke about extracurricular programs, pooled testing, and the re-opening plan for full in-person learning in the middle and high school.</p>			
<p><b>VII. Finance Subcommittee Update: ADA/Title IX Field Specifications Discussion</b></p>	<p>J. Bergeron began by updating the committee on the bid for the field from Perkins Eastman and its delay. The committee set up their next meeting times which will be detailed later.</p>			



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<b>VIII. Superintendent Report (VOTE)</b>	<b>A. Update on Elementary first week back in-person</b> - Dr. McCandless presented his thoughts and accolades for the handling of the full re-openings by all schools, including thanks to the principals, staff, and families. He shared information about the 2021 Musical, available online to view, as well as completion of the tent structures. J. Bowen asked about the start date for high school versus the middle school, which Dr. McCandless explained will not begin together in-person for a variety of reasons.			
	<b>B. School Calendar 2021-2022 (VOTE)</b> - Dr. McCandless shared the proposed School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. He explained to the committee the proposed changes which were presented. M. Johnson had a concern about Lanesborough families being without care on the half days, with Williamstown having the option of the Youth Center, and suggested ideas for a care program at LES.  <b>MOTION to approve the Mt. Greylock Regional School District 2021-2022 school year calendar by C. Greene, seconded by C. Elfenbein</b>  <b>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, AYE</b>	Greene	Elfenbein	7-0-0
<b>IX. Discussion of Return to In-Person School Committee Meetings</b>	C. Conry addressed the committee to determine whether or not to return to in-person meetings. She explained how the government has not rescinded the ability to meet remotely at this time. Questions about rotating meeting locations, the use of the auditorium, and allowing all those who would like to attend the ability to.			
<b>X. School Committee Member Resignation</b>	C. Conry announced the resignation of school committee member Michelle Johnson of Lanesborough. M. Johnson read her own letter of resignation. C. Conry explained next steps for the vacancy.			
<b>XI. Upcoming Meetings</b>	Two meetings were added that were not on the agenda:			
	Finance Subcommittee Meeting - April 15th, 2021 at 4:30 PM			
	Special School Committee Meeting - April 15th, 2021 at 6:00 PM			
<b>A. Finance Subcommittee - April 22nd, 2021 at 4 PM</b>				
<b>B. School Committee - May 13th, 2021 at 6 PM</b>				
<b>XII. Other business not anticipated by the Chair</b>	S. Miller asked if the Finance Subcommittee needed a Lanesborough member at this time. S. Miller also brought up some questions regarding the recently voted-on travel policy,			



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<b>within 48 hours of meeting</b>	but the Chair did not find it appropriate to further discuss a policy that was already approved by a majority of the committee in a previous meeting.			
<b>XIII. Motion to Adjourn</b>	<b>MOTION to adjourn by M. Johnson, seconded by J. Bowen</b>  <b>Bowen, AYE; Conry, AYE; Constantine, AYE; Elfenbein, AYE; Greene, AYE; Johnson, AYE; Miller, Abstain</b>  <b>The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.</b>	Johnson	Bowen	6-0-1

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Eli Phillips  
 Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

Meeting documents:

- 00 School Committee Agenda 04.08.21
- 05A 2021\_03\_25 MtG Special Session Minutes DRAFT
- 05B 2021\_03\_31 MtG Special Session on Policies DRAFT
- 06A Lanesborough elem Zoom@ the world
- 08B 2021-22 Working DRAFT academic calendar 4.8.21 School Committee
- 10 M. Johnson Resignation Letter
- 10 Regional Agreement Statement on Vacancy

**Approved 5.13.21**