

Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee Committee

Location: Zoom Remote Meeting Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:20 PM

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Present: Julia Bowen, Christina Conry, Jose Constantine, Curtis Elfenbein, Carrie Greene, Steve Miller

Also present: Jason McCandless, Joe Bergeron

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Discussed in Finance Sub-committee yesterday, have the documents in the folder to put out to bid the athletic ADA compliance / Title IX / Safety. Joe sent an updated cost estimate PDF. What we are actually voting on is the bid documents. We are not voting on the cost estimate; that is an estimate for our information. Voting on the bid documents.

School committee has the documents in the packet, finance committee walked thru the documents with Dan Colli from Perkins Eastman and Art Eddy from Traverse. Didn't have the cost estimates then. Talked of the various elements, similar to the previous.

Joe: High Level: address the accessibility, title IX, some safety issues on the side of the campus that is to the left of school as pulling in (of the admin building). In some places where made sense and didn't add much additional cost added things, so that side of the campus will be done.

From an accessibility standpoint: coach or spectator can get to each JV/Varsity field that they would want to. If bleachers or permanent seating need to be able to get to that seating and be part of that.

For Title IX: the core issue was the varsity softball field hasn't seen the same upgrade as varsity baseball, Title IX responsibility must address. Any time touch a field such as JV baseball must make sure a JV softball field is upgraded; soccer fields shared so not an issue.

Fencing upgrades, bullpen, dugouts. Backstops upgraded to current standards (and not what was 30 years ago); these are the safety improvements. In a number of areas once touch something you might as well spend the extra few thousand to make sure have good drainage so it is not a swamp and playable; money well spent.

All was part of the project a year and a half ago. Additions put in over the last few months involve the realization that the previous project was not going to get us fully ADA compliant; paths needed for JV fields.

Other modification: relatively small money on making sure that a waterline that is not potable / for irrigation that had existed; leads to the \$30,000+ water cost (water sod for the first few days, thanks to Rob and Lindsey who noticed). (NOTE: added 5/13: this is for an existing line that we are connecting, and that it wasn't that much money but there is also a new cost of \$30,000 to bring in water, which was just noticed.)

Add alternates: backstops for JV – safety improvements. Now that we are looking at the JV softball/baseball fields and their proximity to the parking lot, worth having backstops to protect from damage, not small rusty, improve safety taller in height, capture foul balls. Not in base package but suggesting add.

Add alternates: custodial staff noted for years drainage in JV fields so bad not playable after rain. Partial solution is to cut in drainage slits into field, insert sand to help evacuate water to a suitable place.

Carrie: Alternates are not in a recommended order right now, but the order we put them matters.

Joe: No strong recommendation of order.

Steve: At Finance Committee meeting asked about bidding now, as told in the past this is not the best time to bid. Difference is smaller project that has components that can be done by

small individual companies not needing specialized athletic construction, and told this is a good time and this is an advantage of bidding just this part and not the entire project (again opens up more bidders). If no strong recommendation I would trust the admin in deciding.

Jose: As a parent of a baseball and softball player, do we know the status of the JV baseball program?

Joe: All of our sports see cyclical involvement. Ebbs and flows. This year is a terrible indicator of future participation level, challenges in getting coaches, uncertainty,

Principal Jake: around 30 players (13 varsity, 13 JV)

Jose: Same for softball?

Lindsey: 12 and 9, haven't been able to announce coach until 30 minutes ago, think that affected softball numbers.

Principal Jake: Baseball / softball programs well attended.

Lindsey: Yes, softball also very good for 7th/8th graders to participate.

Carrie: We went thru in finer detail in Finance, does the committee want to see this level of detail?

Jose: Question on watering truck.

Joe: Never involved Perkins Eastman and their team, never directed them, to include a new set of irrigation wells as the set of their work. We do know from having looked at what it would take to get that done it would take between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for a local firm to drill tests, Some of those test wells are back in the woods, behind where the site is. Then \$75-150,000 to drill and start to run the necessary plumbing.

Jose: The estimate / cost for the watering truck: motivation for me just wondering if those funds could help support the irrigation well work.

Joe: Don't think it would be a huge time concern to explore, or huge cost.

Jose: Last question: could the irrigation well work happen along this, or does it affect the timing of the work?

Joe: Could very quickly reach out to Perkins Eastman tomorrow and say going forward with the exploration with the hope could include it here. Challenge is timing with layout, design, getting out to bid....

Carrie: Well vs water tank: do we have a longer term use for water in that field for irrigation / watering of the field? Is that a helpful thing, or is it just for laying the sod?

Joe: All of these fields would benefit from availability of irrigation, long term issue for all our fields. All difficult to care for due to lack of irrigation and drainage, issue with placement (feast or famine right now). Irrigation has been an interest of the admin for a long time, hoping to tackle.

Carrie: Thoughts by principal / athletic director on ordering of alternates?

Principal Jake: No huge order.

Lindsey: hard to compare, backstops would protect cars / people behind. Second would affect playability more, come into play more. But both important, second allows more games.

Carrie: For \$50,000 can add number 2 back into base bid and keep backstop as an add alternate. If the field isn't viable without the proper drainage....

Steve: I agree, we've seen this Fall II the issues of having no fields and students having to travel.

Julia: What would be the cost of doing the drainage at a later date?

Joe: Both can be done at a later date. Backstops are more easily done at a later date as a pretty significant fence installation, less dependent on specialized field / site work. Both are large enough that people would be interested. Like Steve alluded to, when asked design team whether or not this is a good package to bid now as a discrete package or part of a larger, can be bid by a site work contractor that moves earth and puts up fences and puts down sod for a living; for a building involves general contractor and all the subs, more overhead. If track or turf field athletic speciality.... This entire project is pure site work type, no significant penalty from size / overhead.

Carrie: Rather than making a motion should give the administration the authority to put the bid out; what do you imagine might happen b/w now and then? (NOTE: added 5/13: Asking Joe why did he suggest we not move the documents and instead give the administration the authority to put the bid out.)

Joe: In packet for Finance Committee was a doc outlining feedback on errors / omissions. Nothing alter the visuals, but some things are listed as required in one page but not actually so can confuse, some things are mislabeled. Do not want to approve the exact document, want to approve the substance and allow the admin team to iron out the details so can put out to bid ASAP.

Motion by Greene, seconded by Miller, to approve that the administrative team have the authority to refine the current documents with the alternate II being put into the base and alternate I staying as an alternate, and put documents out to bid reflecting this..

Julia lost internet from 7:39 – 7:45

Jose: Question on process. If we approve this it is not a lot of money in the grand scheme of things, the cost of the water truck.... What would that language be? Does that affect costs?

Carrie: Point of order: should vote on the motion first.

Joe: Roughly a month from now will have a set of bids, sure I understand the project you are trying to do, here is the bid I am putting in. Number hopefully similar to these numbers or lower. Then the committee would be responsible for accepting lowest bidder or saying no we do not want to go forward. Then would go back to drawing board. If bid accepted would commit district to a contract.

Julia : Why was second alternate not in base bid before?

Carrie: asked in finance meeting. Wasn't in original scope of the work so didn't want to add to base out of the blue. Identify as work not discussed.

Passes unanimously: Bowen aye, Conry aye, Constantine aye, Elfenbein aye, Greene aye, Miller aye.

IV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Julia, seconded by Carrie, passes unanimously.

Bowen aye, Conry aye, Constantine aye, Elfenbein aye, Greene aye, Miller aye.

Adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes taken by Steven Miller, Secretary

Approved with edits 5.13.21