

**Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee
Phase II Capital Gift Subcommittee**

Location: Williamstown Elementary Conference Room
115 Church St. Williamstown, MA 01267

**Thursday, August 8, 2019
3 PM**

Open Session Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Minutes
 A. June 4, 2019
- III. Update on bid process
- IV. Review of FAQ document
- V. Other business not anticipated with 48 hours of meeting
- VI. Motion to adjourn

VOTE

Phase II Subcommittee: 6/4/2019

Present: John Skavlem, Al Terranova, Steve Miller, Tim Sears, Dan Caplinger, Julius Munemo, Peter Low

Call to order at 3:02pm

Note: Dan Caplinger is now chair of Phase I

Tim Sears now Director of B&G

Steve moves and Al seconds we approve the April 10th minutes. Passes unanimously.

Dan moves to approve, Steve seconds, the May 6th minutes. Passes unanimously.

John: Art expressed concerns about some of the bids he's been seeing that it might be advantageous to wait a bit before going out to bid, if go now could see more inflation. Had always talked about lining up for Fall, never expected to be done by September, hoping for maybe mid-Season, now maybe Fall is construction time and fields ready after. Spoke to Art today. Some at Williams suggested worth bidding now so can possibly have time for a re-bid. Talked to Art, have a compromise: bid in July. He feels that there are concerns about summer prices being high, we're not the only people moving late in the motion. Continuing to talk to people.... Reaching out to electrical engineering.

Could put out to bid in early July, waiting till then can have more attention for some of the bid components. Bids open 3 weeks after the bid date, July 31st.

School committee meeting August 8th.

Report from Dan on Phase I: Found another property that could serve as a home for district office and with some outbuilding some of the needs that the multi-purpose building could. Way too early to see if viable. More uncertain if outbuildings could be modified to meet needs to hold equipment. Nordic team might be able to use space there for their needs, but no rep was at the site... More optimistic about meeting all the capital request needs.

Steve: Worth exploring other items, such as baseball fields. Al is not in favor, it's been discussed.

Anne O'Connor: Williamstown: Concern about health risk of artificial turf fields.

John: Have talked for months as a committee, have talked to people at Williams (three turf fields there), architect is doing a lot of turf fields, aware of these issues. No proven data on greater health risk on playing on artificial turf than natural, no studies on it. Better environmentally: no water, no pesticides.

Peter Low: For a long time smoking wasn't proven to cause cancer, then it was. Science hasn't been done yet on these fields, dealing with youngest members of our community. Danger of recycled carcinogens. What if a child gets cancer from this years from now?

Another member of the community: Turf field is a luxury, track field is a necessity. We cannot hold track events here now.

Al: Have talked about this, with administration feel turf field is more of a priority. One reason for turf fields is the maintenance for regular fields.

Tim: Will send people to classes on maintaining fields.

Peter: How should we bring to the community health concerns / bringing these to the community?

Steve: We can report on these discussions at the next school committee meeting.

Anne has two documents to share; we will add these to the minutes and circulate to the school committee.

Dan moves, Steve seconds, to adjourn; unanimously passed at 4:13pm.