



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

School Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: September 26, 2019

Start: 6:00 PM

Adjourn: 9:20 PM

Location:

MGRS Meeting Room A109

1781 Cold Spring Road Williamstown, MA 01267

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
R. DiLego, Chair D. Caplinger, Vice-Chair S. Miller, Secretary A. Terranova J. Art C. Conry A. Carter Absent: None	K. Grady Superintendent A. Wadsworth, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Phase II Subcommittee Members (as noted below).

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Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Call to Order	The September 26, 2019 meeting of the MGRSD School Committee was called to order by R. DiLego at 6:00 PM.			
Public Comment	<p>The committee discussed the time limit for public comment for the 11 people signed up to speak.</p> <p>Speaker 1: Martha Marvin spoke to the committee regarding the proposed Artificial Turf fields and specifically Ms. Marvin spoke in opposition to the proposed artificial turf and outlined health related concerns associated with the materials used in artificial turf.</p> <p>Speaker 2: Stephanie Boyd, parent of a former MGRS student, spoke to the committee regarding the Phase II Capital Project specifically regarding cost, environmental impact and community opposition to the artificial turf field including long-term issues in terms of maintaining and replacing the turf in the future.</p> <p>Speaker 3: Gretchen Long spoke to the committee as a parent of former students and one current soccer player at MGRS. Ms. Long spoke in favor of an organic grass field as opposed to the proposed artificial turf field.</p> <p>Speaker 4: Chris Malone spoke regarding health related concerns with the proposed artificial turf fields.</p> <p>Speaker 5: Bridgette Spann expressed concern about the proposed artificial turf field, the price tag, ongoing costs to maintain the proposed field, as well as the cost associated in maintaining the remaining fields and costs associated with maintaining the surface in the next 10 years.</p>			



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	<p>Speaker 6: Wendy Penner asked the committee to press pause on the proposed artificial turf fields in order to engage and educate all community stakeholders in order to contribute to the long-term fiscal health of the district since an initial vote will not be required to proceed with this capital project but the community will need to support any regional budgets going forward which will support the maintenance disposal and replacement costs associated with the artificial turf in the future.</p> <p>Speaker 7: Dave Armet asked the committee and community to consider that student athletes are already playing on artificial turf fields and asked the community to keep that in mind as they make statements opposed to artificial turf fields.</p> <p>Speaker 8: Rob Abel spoke about the pros and cons of grass fields vs. artificial turf fields in terms of the needs of student athletes, playability, and time on the fields.</p> <p>Speaker 9: Kira Bingemann spoke to the committee to voice her concern over the financial, environmental, and health-related concerns of the the proposed artificial turf fields.</p> <p>Speaker 10: James Catella, Dir of Design and Construction for the Clark Companies, spoke to the committee as the recent low-bidder to an Invitation for Bids put out by the District. Mr. Catella gave background regarding the number and types of fields that have been built by Clark and spoke to the possibility of value-engineering the project in order to keep costs down.</p> <p>Speaker 11: Thomas Bartels spoke to the committee to voice concerns over the health concerns associated with crumb rubber which would be included in the construction of the proposed artificial turf field.</p>			
<p>Phase I project update and bid documents</p>	<p>MOTION: to approve the \$28,500 revision fee and to move forward with the bid process to build and complete the multipurpose district office building as specified.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Relating to questions from J. Art regarding where the admin building would be located on the MGRS campus and reviewing the costs associated with both the phase I and phase II projects as it relates to the available funds from the Capital Gift and fitting both projects into their associated timelines.</p> <p>Discussion regarding if there were any updated estimates regarding where the new Phase I bids might come in. D. Caplinger stated that representatives from Perkins Eastman did a ‘back of the napkin’ assessment and estimate that bids would potentially come in at approximately \$2.1 million or \$2.4 million with the add/alternate of the public bathrooms. Discussion: J. Art asked if this design met the needs of District Office. K.</p>	<p>D. Caplinger</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>



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	<p>to irrigation and the need that would arise for putting in a new well on campus to support the irrigation of a natural grass field. Testing would be needed to determine if irrigation would be possible with the one well that is currently operational on campus. VOTE: 5-2, Terranova and Miller against.</p> <p>MOTION to send a letter to the Lanesborough Select Board and ask them to pay for the additional costs that they asked for so we do not have to pay for the additional costs out of the endowment by A. Terranova. No Second to the motion and therefore no vote.</p>			
<p>Other Business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of meeting</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Motion to adjourn</p>	<p>MOTION to adjourn by S. Miller SECONDED by J. Art</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>J. Art</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jonathan Nopper
 Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder