

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

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Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote	
Call to Order	The September 26, 2019 meeting of the MGRSD So by R. DiLego at 6:00 PM.	The September 26, 2019 meeting of the MGRSD School Committee was called to order by R. DiLego at 6:00 PM.			
Public Comment	The committee discussed the time limit for public to speak.	comment for t	he 11 people s	signed up	
	 Speaker 1: Martha Marvin spoke to the committee Turf fields and specifically Ms. Marvin spoke in opp and outlined health related concerns associated w Speaker 2: Stephanie Boyd, parent of a former MC regarding the Phase II Capital Project specifically re and community opposition to the artificial turf field of maintaining and replacing the turf in the future. Speaker 3: Gretchen Long spoke to the committee one current soccer player at MGRS. Ms. Long spok opposed to the proposed artificial turf field. Speaker 4: Chris Malone spoke regarding health reartificial turf fields. Speaker 5: Bridgette Spann expressed concern about the price tag, ongoing costs to maintain the proposed surface in the next 10 years. 	position to the ith the materia GRS student, sp egarding cost, d including lon e as a parent of a in favor of a elated concern out the propos sed field, as we	proposed arti als used in arti poke to the co environmenta g-term issues f former stude n organic gras s with the pro sed artificial tu ell as the cost	ficial turf ficial turf. mmittee l impact in terms ents and s field as posed rf field,	



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	 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 			
Phase I project update and bid documents	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. Discussion: 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	D. Caplinger	S. Miller	7-0-0
	to the available funds from the Capital Gift and fitting both projects into their associated timelines. 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.			



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	Grady stated that the design met the needs of the District as well as addressing the need for storage including 'attic stock' that is currently being housed off-site. Discussion: D. Caplinger asked if the full committee would like to review the bids with a recommendation from the subcommittee or if the full committee would be delegating authority of bid approval to the subcommittee. The consensus was that the subcommittee should bring the bids to the full committee for approval with a recommendation.			
Phase II project discussion and bid results	Phase II Subcommittee joined the meeting in			
	joint session with the full committee. In attendance: John Skavlem, Lindsay von			
	Holtz, Julius Munemo and Talia Cappadona			
	and Art Eddy from Traverse Architects (phoned in).			
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	MOTION to reject the bids by J. Art, Seconded by D. Caplinger. VOTE: 6-0-1, Terranova against.	J. Art	D. Caplinger	6-1-0
	MOTION to authorize the subcommittee to consider value engineered reductions with the intent of reducing the expected expenditure of the project to \$2.3 million by D. Caplinger, Seconded by S. Miller. VOTE: 4-3-0, Art, DiLego and Conry against.	D. Caplinger	S. Miller	4-3-0
	MOTION that as part of the rebidding of Phase II project we have a base bid that is related to Title IX and ADA compliance issues with add alternates for a grass field, a turf field and a track. Discussion: The committee discussed that the track was already included as an add-alternate in the original bid and would be included in the re-bid. The committee also discussed the potential issues around having a natural grass field as it relates	J. Art	R. DiLego	5-2-0



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Other Business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of meeting Motion to adjourn	None MOTION to adjourn by S. Miller SECONDED by J. Art	S. Miller	J. Art	7-0-0
	 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. 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. 			
	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			

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan Nopper Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder