

Mount Greylock Regional School District School Committee

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 Time: 4 PM

Location: Remote Zoom meeting

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#### Special Session Agenda (Open and Executive sessions)

- I. Call to order
- II. 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.
- III. Reorganization of Committee
  - A. Nominate Chair VOTE
  - B. Nominate Vice-Chair VOTE
- IV. Motion to move into Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (MGRS/WES principals); per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct collective bargaining with the collective bargaining unit (ESP Unit/Cafeteria workers/Teachers)
- V. Discussion of Memorandum of Agreement ESP unit(Paras/Custodians) VOTE
- VI. Discussion of Memorandum of Agreement Cafeteria workers VOTE
- VII. Accept Copier Lease VOTE
- VIII. Annual Tuition Rate VOTE
- IX. Bus Contract Amendment VOTE
- X. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance vs. Business Administrator position job posting discussion
- XI. Other business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of meeting
- XII. XII. Motion to Adjourn

Present: Al, Ali, Christina, Jamie, Regina, Steve; Kim, Andrea, Elea, Nolan, Jacob, Rob

Start: 4:03pm

#### **Reorganization:**

Superintendent: Calls meeting to order.

Regina moves, Steve seconds Christina as chair.

Steve mentions should have a full reorganization once at full strength.

Passes 5-0 with one abstention (Christina abstained)

Regina nominates Jamie for chair, Jamie nominates Steve.

Cannot be secretary and vice chair.

Christina seconds Jamie and Steve.

Jamie states not able to serve as vice-chair right now.

Andrea asks if Jamie declines the nomination. He does, it goes away.

Vote on Steve as Vice Chair. Passes 4-1-1 (Regina voted no, Miller abstained)

Regina nominates Jamie for secretary (earlier he volunteered), Steve seconds. Passes 5-0 with one abstention (Jamie).

Steve asks if he should keep the notes for today and send to Jamie, Jamie says that would be helpful.

Motion to move into Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (MGRS/WES principals); per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct collective bargaining with the collective bargaining unit (ESP Unit/Cafeteria workers/Teachers)

Regina moves, Al seconds, with principals joining, motion passes unanimously at 4:15.

Return to open session 5:18.

Regina moves to approve para contract as amended, Steve seconds, passes unanimously.

Custodians going back to legal counsel and MGEA.

Regina moves to approve cafeteria contract as amended, Steve seconds, passes unanimously.

Copier lease: As over 3 years (5 year proposal) need school committee approval. Al moves, Jamie seconds, passes unanimously.

Annual tuition rate: Valid changes to tuition rate. We now know this number \$15,249. Regina moves, Steve seconds, passes unanimously.

Tuition now same for Lanesborough and MtG.

#### **BUS CONTRACT:**

Concern as paying for services not rendered. Have talked to the bus company about overhead cost, salary costs, variable costs. What is being presented is a template prepared by district counsel, sending back to the bus company a reduced rate for the remainder of the school closure that reflects his overhead costs so that when school starts he has the buses, and he is taking care of his drivers.

Regina moves we accept, Jamie seconds, passes unanimously.

Comment from Andrea: reduced rate for small period of time, will affect transportation reimbursement next year as not paying as much this year. Not paying the salaries anymore, will offset revenues a bit next year.

#### **Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance vs. Business Administrator position job posting discussion**

Need direction to superintendent on what to post. Looking for clarity on what posting we want to go out.

Business administrator licenses thru DESE, assistant superintendent has license so have built in backup.

Steve: can it be posted both ways.

Andrea: Business administrator license is unique / hard to find, for assistant superintendent usually won't have other license. Superintendent license supercedes business license, want to make sure have the experience. Maybe post for assistant superintendent and have a different title until they have license.

Regina: will there be a search committee or will we defer to superintendent.

Kim: in the past brought candidates, some school committee members came in and looked at candidates in round two (last time was Dan and Steve).

Will put this on the agenda for the next Finance Sub-committee meeting.

**Unanticipated Business:**

Around noon received notice from Governor that school buildings are closed for the rest of the academic year, remote learning will happen. Heard from commissioner of education earlier in the day, power standard, updates to learning plan shared a week and a half ago. Working on an FAQ, talking with teachers. Will have to create schedules. Faculty will need to go to building to get some resources.

Not forgetting the kids, working as an administrative team / graduation committee for lawn signs with graduating seniors. Talking about a virtual graduation, will make as memorable as possible. No date yet when we could potentially open. Slideshows..... NO seniors at risk of not graduating.

All moves, Steve seconds to adjourn, passes unanimously at 5:46pm.