



# Mt. Greylock Regional School District

## School Committee Open Session Minutes

**Date:** November 8, 2018

**Start:** 6:02 PM

**Adjourn:** 8:46 PM

**Location:**

MGRS Meeting Room A109

1781 Cold Spring Road Williamstown, MA 01267

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Also Present:</b>
Joe Bergeron Regina DiLego Steve Miller Christina Conry Al Terranova Alison Carter Dan Caplinger  <b><u>Absent:</u></b> K. Grady, Superintendent	M. MacDonald, MGRS Principal M. Wiley, LES Principal E. Kaatz, WES Asst. Principal C. Desjardins, Business Manager

<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to Order by Principal Mary MacDonald at 6:02 PM.			
<b>School Committee Reorganization</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Joe Bergeron nominated to serve as Chair. Discussion: J. Bergeron noted that he was happy to continue to serve as Chair, however, he noted the norm is to switch the role of Chair to members from each town and stated that is a norm we should get back to in the future.	DiLego	Miller	7-0-0
	<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Regina DiLego nominated to serve as Vice-Chair	Miller	Caplinger	7-0-0
	<b>Secretary:</b> Steve Miller nominated to serve as Secretary.	DiLego	Caplinger	7-0-0
<b>Presentation of Superintendent's Award for Academic Achievement</b>	In the Superintendent's absence, Principal Mary MacDonald presented the Superintendent's Award for Academic Achievement to Maddie Albert. Principal MacDonald stated that Maddie was a perfect candidate for the award being that she is in the top echelon of her class along with many athletic accomplishments and community service. Congratulations Maddie!			
<b>Subcommittee &amp; Liaison Reorganization</b>	The committee discussed the role of the subcommittees and liaisons and summarized the work/progress in each area.  <b>Teacher &amp; Para Negotiations:</b> Motion for Dan Caplinger, Regina DiLego and Joe Bergeron to serve on the Teacher/Para Negotiations Subcommittee.	Terranova	Miller	7-0-0



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	<b>Café Negotiations Liaison:</b> Motion for Joe Bergeron to serve as the Café Negotiations Liaison	Caplinger	DiLego	7-0-0
	<b>School Building Committee:</b> J. Bergeron articulated that the SBC slate is a group of people who are largely outside of the school committee. When the slate is approved it has to be sent to the MSBA. Based on the progress of the project the OPM has been discussing the possibility of down-sizing the committee as the project enters its final stages. A. Terranova stated the he felt there are still several important factors that will take place before closing out the SBC and he feels strongly the school committee should appoint a member from Williamstown as he would like to continue to represent for Lanesborough. <b>MOTION I:</b> To remove Carrie Greene from the slate effective immediately, remove Rich Cohen effective November 17 <sup>th</sup> and to add Steve Miller to the slate. Terranova/Carter. Discussion to remove Interim from the Superintendent’s title. Change transition committee to school committee. 7-0-0. <b>Motion II:</b> for Steve Miller to replace Carrie Greene in signing authority within the SBC for the school committee. Discussion: The committee discussed if the school committee member serving on the SBC with signing authority must be the Chair of the full committee and determined that is not the case. 7-0-0.	<b>Motion I:</b> Terranova <b>Motion II:</b> Terranova	Carter  DiLego	7-0-0  7-0-0
	<b>Finance Subcommittee:</b> This committee is made up of three members and each town must be represented. Motion for Christina Conry, Alison Carter and Joe Bergeron to serve on the Finance Subcommittee	Caplinger	Miller	7-0-0
	<b>Building &amp; Grounds / Building Renewal:</b> Joe Bergeron and Dan Caplinger will serve as liaisons.	DiLego	Carter	7-0-0
	<b>Phase I Capital Gift Subcommittee:</b> Motion I for Joe Bergeron, Christina Conry, and Regina DiLego to serve on the Phase I Capital Gift Subcommittee. Motion II for Chris Dodig to take part on the Phase I Capital Gift Subcommittee and instruct the subcommittee to explore additional ad-hoc membership.	<b>MOTION I</b> Caplinger <b>MOTION II</b> Terranova	DiLego  DiLego	7-0-0  7-0-0
	<b>Phase II Capital Gift Subcommittee:</b> Motion I for Al Terranova, Steve Miller and Dan Caplinger to serve on the Phase II Capital Gift Subcommittee. Discussion: Membership outside the committee to include John Skavlem, Lindsey Von Holtz, student(s) to be named and an individual from the Lanesborough Recreational Committee.	<b>MOTION I</b> DiLego <b>MOTION II</b> Miller	Miller  Caplinger	7-0-0  7-0-0



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	Motion II: To approve outside members and name John Skavlem as Chair.			
	<b>Policy Liaison:</b> Motion for Steve Miller to serve as Policy Liaison	DiLego	Caplinger	7-0-0
	<b>Wellness Liaison:</b> Al Terranova will serve as liaison to the middle/high school and Joe Bergeron will serve as liaison to the elementary schools.	Caplinger	DiLego	7-0-0
<b>Report from the Student Representative</b>	Ella Dudley, Student Council President, gave an update on student council elections, subcommittee reorganization and start of year initiatives.			
<b>Subcommittee Reorganization Continues</b>	<b>LES, MGRS and WES Endowment Liaisons:</b> Motion for Ali Carter to be liaison to WESE, Christina Conry to be liaison to See Fund with Dan Caplinger as an alternate for SEE Fund if LIFE would like a liaison, Christina with switch and be the liaison there.	DiLego	Miller	7-0-0
	<b>Strategic Planning:</b> Motion for Steve Miller and Regina DiLego to serve as committee liaisons for Strategic Planning	Caplinger	Carter	7-0-0
<b>Appointing District Secretary</b>	Motion to appoint the Superintendent, Kimberley Grady to be the District Secretary.	Miller	Caplinger	7-0-0
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to accept the minutes from October 11, 2018. Abstention by Terranova.	Caplinger	DiLego	6-0-1
<b>District Nurse Sub Rate:</b>	C. Desjardins explained that the current sub rate is \$18/ hour. Administration proposes an increase to \$22 effective September 1, 2018, \$24 effective January 1, 2019. Motion to approve a \$22/hour rate for sub nurses effective September 1st and a \$24/hour rate effective January 1, 2019.	DiLego	Caplinger	7-0-0
<b>Report from the Business Manager</b>	C. Desjardins reviewed the FY19 YTD Expenditure report. The committee discussed with C. Desjardins how the report was laid out and how many of our expected expenses were already encumbered/budgeted for. C. Desjardins also reviewed a preliminary budget timeline for the FY20 budget season. C. Desjardins reviewed final closeout numbers that were turned over from each Town.			
<b>Building Project Update</b>	The building has not been granted the permanent CO as of yet. The committee discussed that the auditorium did not receive a temporary certificate of occupancy and there is now discussion if a TCO is needed or if a permanent CO can be issued as items on the building's punch list are completed. There was a discussion regarding the target dates that were committed to (as reflected in the minutes) that were missed target dates. The committee discussed concerns relating to the missed target dates and how the building administration			



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	<p>has worked to continue educational programming as we continue to work toward the completion of the project.</p> <p>Ribbon Cutting: J. Bergeron reminded the committee that the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at MGRS on Friday, November 16 promptly at 1:30 PM.</p>			
<p><b>Reports from the Principals</b></p>	<p><b>MCAS Presentations:</b> Principal MacDonald, Principal Wiley, and Assistant Principal Kaatz presented on MCAS: Test formatting was reviewed as the state is in flux with the MCAS test. Test scores were reviewed for each school as well as how the state is changing the dynamics of the test and how the District will be evaluated going forward on student performance.</p>			
	<p><b>Acceptance of Gift from SVMC (Mary MacDonald):</b> M. MacDonald reviewed details of a \$2,000 donation from Southern Vermont Medical Center to support student co-curricular activities. SVMC would like to make ongoing contributions in the future. Discussion: Many thanks to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. MOTION to approve by DiLego, Seconded by Miller. 7-0-0.</p>	<p>DiLego</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p><b>Report from the Superintendent</b></p>	<p><b>School Council Update:</b> An updated School Council list was provided in the packet. The lists were reviewed and each administrator went over their current vacancies and how the process and time frame for filling those vacancies.</p> <p><b>Strategic Planning Update:</b> The Superintendent has reached out to two consultants to determine how best to proceed with strategic planning as we move forward on our first Prk-12 strategic plan. The principals have reached out to the community to ask for participants who would like to assist with strategic planning.</p>			
<p><b>Subcommittee Updates:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Finance Subcommittee: J. Bergeron reviewed that all school committee members are welcome to review warrants.</li> <li>II. Phase I: J. Bergeron has solicited for RFPs that may be usable as templates to find project management for the project. The architect has been moving forward with design document proposals for the full school committee to review. Phase I subcommittee will review and bring forward to the full committee for approval.</li> <li>III. Phase II: The Phase II subcommittee has collected a set of needs from the administration and athletics department. That list of needs is a part of the meeting minutes of that subcommittee. The Phase II subcommittee needs to meet as soon as possible to start analyzing the identified needs versus cost and how we might finance project costs that are beyond that which we can fund through the Capital Gift.</li> <li>IV. Policy: There are some items that need to be worked on specific to building usage and fees.</li> </ol>			



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	<p>V. Negotiations: D. Caplinger and R. DiLego reported that progress is ongoing. Negotiations sessions are scheduled with the ESP unit and mediation sessions are scheduled with the Teachers.</p>			
<p><b>Upcoming Events of Interest</b></p>	<p>I. Upcoming Events of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Workshop in November to discuss the year ahead regarding committee goals, superintendent goals, etc.</li> <li>b. Special session for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM</li> <li>c. Regular Meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM</li> <li>d. Next SBC meeting: 11/15/18 at 5:30</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of meeting</b></p>	<p>None</p>			
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Motion to move into Executive Session with no intent to return to Open Session for the following purposes: a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining regarding all units per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3); and b) discuss strategy with respect to litigation per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3). Unanimous Roll Call Vote / Adjourned at 8:46PM</p>	<p>Caplinger</p>	<p>DiLego</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jonathan Nopper  
Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder