



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

School Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: December 13, 2018

Start: 6:00 PM

Adjourn: 8:29 PM

Location:

MGRS Meeting Room A109

1781 Cold Spring Road Williamstown, MA 01267

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
Joe Bergeron, Chair Regina DiLego, Vice-Chair Steve Miller, Secretary Dan Caplinger Alison Carter Christina Conry Al Terranova <u>Absent:</u>	Kimberley Grady, Superintendent Chris Desjardins (TMS), Business Manager Mike Giso, Turner Construction Carl Stewart, Turner Construction

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Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Call to Order	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 6:01 PM.			
Move to Executive Session	<p>MOTION to move into Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation related to the MGRS school building project per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3). The committee invited Rob Wnuk (MG) as well as Mike Giso (Turner Construction) and Carl Stewart (Turner Construction) to join Executive Session</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Miller – Aye, Carter – Aye, Caplinger – Aye, Conry – Aye, DiLego – Aye, Bergeron – Aye, Terranova Aye.</p> <p>The Committee entered Executive Session at 6:03 PM</p>	Miller	DiLego	7-0-0
Return to Open Session	The Committee returned to Open Session at 7:00 PM			
Public Comment	None			



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Approval of Minutes	November 8, 2018 & December 6, 2018: MOTION to accept the minutes of November 8 and December 6, 2018. Discussion: R. DiLego pointed out a typo in the December 6 th minutes in the DIP section: Should say 'closely aligned.'	Miller	Carter	7-0-0
Report from the Student Representative	Update will be given by Principal MacDonald during the Principal's Updates			
Building Project Update – Turner Construction	M. Giso gave an update on the progress being made toward completion of the MGRS building project which will allow the building to move from having a T.C.O. (Temporary Certificate of Occupancy) to a full/final C. O. (Certificate of Occupancy).			
WES & LES Cape Cod Field Trips & Review of Fundraising Activities	M. Wiley and J. Brookner came before the School Committee seeking approval for their annual Cape Cod field trips. Both principals provided background on their trips both historically and currently to outline the educational purposes for the trips. The Principals also discussed the fundraising activities planned to assist with funding the trip. Committee members asked that administration be sure to seek approval of the trip and all related fundraising activities prior to the start of any fundraising activities in the future. D. Caplinger also asked the administration to consider combining the trips in the future as an opportunity to give all of the sixth graders a chance to meet each other prior to rising to the 7 th grade at Mount Greylock. MOTION to approve the initial planning and fundraising associated with the LES and WES Cape Cod field trips.	Miller	Carter	7-0-0
Report from the Principals	M. MacDonald, J. Brookner, and M. Wiley provided the committee with school-based updates regarding recent, current and upcoming events.			
Report the Business Manager	C. Desjardins gave an update on the FY20 budget development process that is taking place between TMS and the District Administration. Budget transfers are being processed so appropriate amounts can be budgeted based on this years expenditures. School councils will be working with the Principals through January and we expect to have a full preliminary budget by February. Berkshire Health Group, State Aid and transportation figures for next year are all still pending at this time. Discussion regarding moving to an electronic signature warrant process. C. Desjardins reported he has experience working with electronic warrant software within a different District. Discussion regarding following up with the State to determine if we needed permission or any special motions to move to an electronic warrant process.			



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<p>Report from the Superintendent</p>	<p>K. Grady provided the committee with a copy of the Oct. 1 District Enrollment information that is submitted annually to the State. The committee discussed staff to student ratios as well as how this information will be used in the near future to make recommendations regarding school choice for the next school year.</p> <p>K. Grady spoke to current open positions and the work that is being done to find candidates to fill those positions. Currently, the District is exploring sending job postings to a program called Handshake which distributes postings to area colleges. The District is also exploring recruiting at local job fairs to increase our applicant and substitute pool of candidates.</p> <p>K. Grady gave an update on the search for a strategic planning consultant. A more defined scope of work has been developed and she should have more information on the company she would like to bring forward for a recommendation to the committee to be our consultant by 12/19.</p>			
<p>Subcommittee Updates</p>	<p>Finance Subcommittee: met on December 11th. Warrants are circulating for review. The finance subcommittee made a recommendation to align District Sub and Minimum Wage rates. MOTION I: to change the teacher sub rate to \$85 per day and the para sub rate to \$75 per day across the entire District effective immediately. MOTION II: for the District to move to a \$12 per hour minimum wage effective January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>MOTION I: Terranova</p> <p>MOTION II: Terranova</p>	<p>Conry</p> <p>Carter</p>	<p>7-0-0</p> <p>7-0-0</p>
	<p>Capital Gift Phase I: J. Bergeron reported that there are two finalists for OPM for the Building Project related to the Capital Gift. The finalists are Skanska USA and Achitectural Consulting Group (ACG). Interviews with the finalists will take place on December 18th and 19th. The committee discussed if the full committee should then decide on the OPM after the interviews or if that responsibility should be delegated to the subcommittee. MOTION to authorize the subcommittee to choose an OPM subject to a unanimous vote or if they wish to refer the decision back to the full committee.</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>Terranova</p>	<p>6-1-0 Caplinger Against.</p>
	<p>Building Committee: J. Bergeron asked the committee to consider an updated SBC slate with the removal of Lyndon Moors per discussions with the subcommittee and at the</p>	<p>DiLego</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>



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	<p>request of Lyndon Moors. MOTION: to accept the SBC slate as presented with the removal of Lyndon Moors for the next phase of the project. Discussion: if the school building committee continues to struggle to get quorum, it may be worthwhile and necessary to look at attendance records to determine if the number of committee members can be further trimmed down.</p>			
<p>Upcoming Events of Interest / Agenda Requests</p>	<p>Next regular meeting of the school committee is January 10th 2019 at 6 PM.</p>			
<p>Motion to adjourn</p>	<p>MOTION to move into Executive Session with no intent to return to Open Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all bargaining units as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the Chair so declares per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3).</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Miller – Aye, Carter – Aye, Caplinger – Aye, Conry – Aye, DiLego – Aye, Bergeron – Aye, Terranova – Aye.</p> <p>The committee adjourned to Executive Session with no intent to return to open session at 8:29 PM.</p>	<p>DiLego</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Nopper
Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder