

Mt. Greylock Regional School District
School Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Location: MGRS Meeting Room A109

Start: 4:03 PM

1781 Cold Spring Road Williamstown, MA 01267

Adjourn: 8:46 PM

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

Joe Bergeron, Regina DiLego, Steve Miller, Al Terranova, Alison Carter, Dan Caplinger

Also Present: Kim Grady; Superintendent, Dan Colli; Perkins Eastman, Rob Wnuk; Director of Operations, John Skavlem; Phase II Capital Gift Committee

- I. Call to Order: Joe Bergeron called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
- II. Williams College Capital Gift
 - a. MGRS Oil tank cleaning: K. Grady presented a quote from Adams Plumbing & Heating regarding the cleaning and polishing of two oil tanks at MG.. The proposed cost is \$27,857. Rob Wnuk explained that the tanks were from the original MG building, as many parts of the "new" building project were carried over from the original school and not replaced. The oil tanks are from the early 90's and one has stopped functioning correctly. It is unable to pull the oil that it contains, leaving the school vulnerable to a loss of heat should the other tank also malfunction. The recommendation is to clean both oil tanks and polish the oil. A full inspection will be done on the tanks and lines at the time of the cleaning. The tanks have a use life of approximately 30 years and will need to be replaced at some point, but for now, with two tanks full of oil, cleaning and polishing is the best option. The request is to authorize use of money from the Capital Gift to pay for this if funds cannot be found within the appropriated budget to cover the cost. After much discussion of the pros and cons of cleaning/polishing versus replacing the tanks, Terranova moves to authorize an amount not to exceed \$27,857 to pay for the cleaning and polishing of the oil tanks if money cannot be first found in the appropriated budget to cover the cost. Seconded by Caplinger. All in favor 6-0.
 - b. Phase I and II updates/Discussion:

Phase II reported out on progress. John Skavlem reported that the geo-tech is in process and the survey is complete. This includes the site, drainage and electrical. Permitting is the next step. In response to a question from DiLego, Skavlem assured

the Committee that the required ADA compliance and Title IX work was being included in the bid work. The Phase II Committee is putting together a bid for the entire project and work is advancing. Fund raising efforts are ongoing and Mountain One is interested in contributing to the project. Dr. Win Stubner is interested in working with the Phase II Committee on fund raising efforts for the project. Projected cost for the full project is \$2.3 million

The Phase I update will be in the Perkins Eastman report.

- c. Perkins Eastman report on Phase I bid results: Dan Colli reported out on the bid results. There were three bidders on the project, all of whom came in over the estimated project cost. The largest areas of overrun were in site work, concrete and electrical. The bids were base bids without the bathrooms included. The projected cost for Phase I is now \$2.7 million.

The bid results spurred much discussion regarding next steps. In response to Committee questions, Colli provided the following information:

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Alternate #1 fire alarms came in at \$13,000

Alternate #2 public bathrooms was \$335,609

Options are: Accept the base bid, Accept Base + Alt #1, Accept Base + both alternates, reject the bid entirely

Bathroom requirement is triggered by permanent bleachers; if Phase II has permanent bleachers the project must have public bathrooms

Sprinkler system requirements are triggered by design of the building

Colli noted that the low bidder had indicated that the bid could be held until April 12th.

Discussion regarding options at this point :

District Office requires 3000 square feet of space

Facilities requires code compliance and some equipment requires climate control

Cross Country Ski requires ventilation/HVAC and electrical

Attic stock requires climate control and can only stay in its temporary housing for one year

Office trailers currently cost \$700 per month to rent and the lease is for one year – the conditions have been unpleasant and rudimentary at best

Permanent file storage is temporarily housed for one year and will need a climate controlled storage space

Miller requested that other places to rent and space at the elementary schools be re-explored. He also suggested renting a better modular unit for District Office. DiLego noted that renting something temporarily only delays the inevitable while costs continue to rise and noted that District Office staff deserve a permanent place to

work. Bergeron suggested that alternatives could be explored for much of the facilities storage. He had already inquired at Sheds and Stuff regarding a basic shed for equipment not requiring climate control. He suggested the Committee take a week to explore alternatives and options before taking a vote on anything. There was general agreement with this approach and no vote was taken at this time.

III. Upcoming Events.

- a. Berkshire County Education Task Force- Steve Miller noted their upcoming meeting on April 6th and asked if anyone planned to attend – no one did. He noted that he supports the notion of sharing services across schools as opposed to the Task Force voted vision of a single District.

IV. Miller moved to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return to open session per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations (Superintendent) and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Superintendent, Business Manager). DiLego seconded. Miller-aye, DiLego – aye, Caplinger – aye, Bergeron- aye, Terranova – aye, Carter- aye open session ended at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Regina DiLego