



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

School Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: May 9, 2019

Start: 6:00 PM

Adjourn: 7:58 PM

Location:

MGRS Meeting Room A109

1781 Cold Spring Road Williamstown, MA 01267

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
R. DiLego C. Conry A. Carter S. Miller A. Terranova <u>Absent:</u> J. Bergeron, D. Caplinger	K. Grady, Superintendent E. Belastock, Dir of Academic Technology Avery Powers, Student Representative M. MacDonald, MGRS Principal J. Brookner, WES Principal

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Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Call to Order	The meeting was called to Order by Vice-Chair R. DiLego. R DiLego noted that due to scheduling conflicts for committee members on this date and due in part to the lengthy meeting in April, this meeting will be to hear administrative updates and there will be another meeting to conduct any remaining committee business for the month of May later in the month.			
Approval of Minutes	March 14, 2019, April 3, 2019 and April 11, 2019: Motion to approve. Discussion: S. Miller asked for a clarifying note to be added to the March 14 th meeting during the discussion of school choice. The committee had discussed that opening school choice slots in Kindergarten could result in the need to hire another teacher.	S. Miller	A. Carter	5-0-0
Circulate Warrants	Warrants were circulated for signatures.			
Restructure Finance Subcommittee	Joe Bergeron has asked to step down from the Finance Subcommittee. Dan Caplinger has volunteered to take his place. K. Grady noted that the Finance subcommittee will be working closely in	S. Miller	A. Carter	5-0-0



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	<p>tandem with the Building committee as the District moves forward toward closing out of the project. S. Miller moved for a motion to replace Joe Bergeron with Dan Caplinger on the Finance Subcommittee.</p>			
<p>Superintendent's Report</p>	<p>Strategic Planning: K. Grady gave an update on the strategic planning process that has been taking place throughout the year and presented the goals and objectives, vision statement, mission statement, and core beliefs of all of the schools and discussed how the strategic planning committee is working on updating all of these areas to align them with the new Region based on data collected and reviewed by a third party to determine the priorities and areas of concern that need to be addressed in order to move forward.</p> <p>Technology Updates and Committee Planning: E. Belastock gave an updated summary on some of the ways technology is being integrated throughout the three schools to work in conjunction with student learning and instruction. E. Belastock also gave an update on the work of the District's technology committee including how the committee will be working toward making new goals and working to implement action plans through the 2019-2020 academic year. K. Grady commented on the work of Eileen Belastock, Rob Wnuk and the technology committee that includes updating the apps that the District is using while working to protect the privacy of the students.</p> <p>School Based Updates and End-of-Year Activities: Avery Powers, Student Council Secretary gave an end-of-year update on behalf of the student body. (Good luck at Smith Avery!). M. MacDonald gave updates from MGRS including information regarding MCAS, AP, and Final exams. M. MacDonald also gave updates on information on where this year's seniors are going after high school this year. Senior week is coming up starting with prom on June 3. Graduation is Saturday, June 8th. Student speakers this year will be Adam Cohen and Clare Sheedy. J. Brookner gave updates from WES including MCAS testing coming to an end. J. Brookner also spoke to a section of the WES Newsletter regarding tech tips to assist parents in monitoring what children are doing online. The WES 6th graders will be performing Mary Poppins starting on May 29th. WES will be holding a family cookout community event on June 11th at 5PM. WES graduation will be held on June 20th at 1:15 PM. (S. Miller gave a shout out to his son, Cameron Miller and all of his friends graduating from 6th grade!). K. Grady gave updates from Lanesborough Elementary School including details of this year's family luau event, the workshop held by Berkshire Empathy Awareness, and graduation.</p> <p>Discussion of PD Plans and Proposals: K. Grady reviewed the PD Plans and proposals for all three schools as provided in the meeting packet.</p>			
	<p>MGRS Attendance Procedure in handbook: M. MacDonald reviewed the attendance procedure at MGRS and reviewed how the procedure is being</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>A. Carter</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>



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	<p>revised in cooperation with the school council in order to align with state standards and the new District policy. The school council will be meeting Tuesday, May 14th to continue working on this procedure for next year. MOTION: to approve the MGRS attendance procedure in the handbook</p>			
	<p>Kindergarten Start Date: K. Grady responded to concerns brought forward regarding the school calendar and the Kindergarten start date. K. Grady proposed changing the Kindergarten and Pre-K start date in order to be able to orient the parents and students to school. MOTION to start pre-k and K on Friday September 6, 2019. Motion Fails. MOTION to start pre-k and K on September 5, 2019.</p>	<p>S. Miller S. Miller</p>	<p>A. Carter A. Terranova</p>	<p>2-2-1 5-0-0</p>
	<p>Building Usage Request: K. Grady brought forward a request from Williamstown Theatre Festival to use facilities at WES and MGRS. K. Grady is asking for the school committee approve the building usage request for WES. K. Grady discussed the contract that has been used in the best with WTF and explained that it would be updated with a fee to be assessed based on the dates being requested once those dates were confirmed as available with Principal Brookner. MOTION to approve the building usage request</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>A. Terranova</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM</p>	<p>A. Terranova</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Nopper
Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder