



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

Transition Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: January 2, 2018

Start: 6:32 PM

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

Location:

Mount Greylock Library

Williamstown, MA

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
J. Bergeron D. Caplinger C. Greene A. Terranova R. DiLego S. Miller C. Dodig (Entered at 6:35 PM)	K. Grady, Interim Superintendent (Entered at 6:43 PM) J. Brookner, Principal WES M. McEvoy, Principal LES Public Comments by PJ Pannesco
Absent: None	

Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Meeting Called to Order	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 6:32 PM			
Approval Of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes from November 28 and December 7, 2017	S. Miller	R. DiLego	6-0-0
Public Comment	Public comments made by PJ Pannesco regarding the "Superintendent Hiring Process Discussion." Mr. Pannesco spoke to the Transition committee in support of appointing Kimberley Grady as the next permanent Superintendent of schools.			
Superintendent Hiring Process Discussion	The committee discussed the options and process for hiring a permanent Superintendent ranging from hiring internally to opening up a national or state-wide search. Further discussion centered on the importance of the decision and the expectation that the committee follow a process to ensure the best candidate for the job is chosen. The committee invited feedback from the public and urged community members to email the Chair at jbergeron.sc@williamstownelementary.org . In order to give time and thought to this process, a vote will not be taken regarding how to move forward until this agenda item can be reviewed again at a future meeting.			
Superintendent Report	DESE / Transition Plan next steps – needs and responsibilities: K. Grady has spoken with DESE's Chris Lynch regarding transition and next steps and will forward the information we have received from her so far. The transition committee will need to complete a District Transition plan. In order to complete the transitional steps that must be made internally, K. Grady has started the process of meeting with all pertinent staff to ensure everyone knows what their transition responsibilities are. A shared google sheet has been created to			



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	<p>log/answer questions in all areas to ensure nothing is overlooked and everyone remains on the same page regarding goals and responsibilities.</p>			
	<p>MASC and Tuition Policy Updates: The committee reviewed current tuition agreements and information from DESE on Per Pupil Expenditures from each school. Discussion regarding the process for adopting one District-wide rate since we do not currently have one published per pupil rate from DESE for the expanded District, as we will in the future. Committee members discussed the potential to add an additional sum to the tuition rate on top of the per pupil rate to cover a portion of capital costs since towns who tuition in do not otherwise get charged for those expenses. The committee also discussed clarifying which schools have tuition seats available in the final versions of the agreements. K. Grady reviewed current tuition policies with the committee, with the policy from LES being the most current. She let the committee know that MASC no longer has a model policy for this area and a vote on the Tuition policy was not necessary but the committee would need to vote to set the tuition rate. K. Grady has continued to work with Pat Correira from MASC to update the policy manual from MGRSD and will be bringing policies forward for a first read soon. Once the policy work with MASC concludes, the newly expanded District will have a new and completely up-to-date policy manual.</p>			
	<p>MARS Support: K. Grady reported on a recent visit she had with Steve Hemman from MARS and will ensure that the regionalization checklists he provided will be made available in the Transition Committee’s Google Shared Folder.</p>			
<p>School Building Committee Slate and Update</p>	<p>School Building Committee Slate and Update: J. Bergeron provided background information regarding the transitioning of responsibility of the building project from the MGRSD 7-12 committee to the transition committee and the reason for re-affirming and voting the School Building Committee slate. D. Caplinger moved to name the existing slate of SBC members to continue to serve in that capacity. Seconded by C. Dodig. Discussion: C. Greene and Al Terranova; it should be noted that they serve both on MG and MGRSD Transition Committee and the Vice-Chair title should be removed from Carolyn Greene based on the November reorganization of the MG SC. The transition committee will request the MG 7-12 committee will formally delegate authority over the SBC to the transition committee. VOTE: 7-0-0. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.</p>	<p>D. Caplinger</p>	<p>C. Dodig</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>Tuition Rate for FY19</p>	<p>The committee discussed many possible calculations for determining a weighted and non-weighted average for determining the Tuition rates for FY19. MOTION by R. DiLego to set the Tuition Rate for FY19</p>	<p>R. DiLego</p>	<p>C. Dodig</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>



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	by averaging the per pupil rates of MGRSD and LES which comes out to \$17,843.16, Seconded by C. Dodig.			
	D. Caplinger moved to authorize J. Bergeron and C. Dodig to work collaboratively with the Interim Superintendent to present the new tuition rate to Hancock and New Ashford. SECONDED by C. Greene.	D. Caplinger	C. Greene	7-0-0
Regional Transportation Management / Contract	<p>Discussion regarding the transfer of responsibility of the Regional Transportation of students. This is outlined in the newly voted Regional agreement and the Transition Committee made the following motion as advised by the District’s legal counsel:</p> <p>Motion to confirm that the transition committee has the responsibility for transportation for the regular education students (Pre-K – 12) commencing January 1, 2018 and authorizes the Chair of the Transition Committee to sign a contract representing the continuation of the services and pricing for the region’s three school previously adopted by the three school’s separate committees.</p>	C. Dodig	R. DiLego	7-0-0
Berkshire County Education Task Force	<p>Discussion and vote(s) related to status, support, and representation: The committee discussed the work of the Berkshire County Education Task Force including their aspirational goal for Berkshire County to increase partnership and collaboration and move toward one school district within the next ten years. In discussion, the current committee members who have served on the task force “1.0” relayed that they were not appointed by their committees to serve on the task force but instead were invited to participate as individuals because at that time, approximately 2.5 years ago, each was the Chair of their committee. The transition committee decided that it was premature to take an official position relating to the task force and their aspirational goal and there was discussion about the upcoming work of the Task Force “2.0.” Committee members who would like to participate can do so as individuals and there will continue to be no formal representation at this time.</p>	None	None	None
Additional Subcommittee and	C. Dodig relayed information to the committee regarding the next steps that will need to be taken regarding the Capital Gift and schematic design	S. Miller	R. DiLego	7-0-0



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Liaison Needs Discussion	<p>process for the new District Office, and the athletic storage and fields to bring us into ADA compliance. Based on the time sensitive nature of this issue the committee appointed C. Dodig to serve as the liaison for the Williams College Capital Gift; a role he also fulfills on the current MG 7-12 committee. The committee will discuss this item on Monday, January 8, 2018 prior to a scheduled workshop with Dorothy Presser from MASC. MOTION to appoint C. Dodig as the Capital Gift Liaison by S. Miller, Seconded by S. Miller. MOTION Passes Unanimously.</p>			
Next Meeting Date and setting a regular meeting schedule	<p>The committee will meet at 4:30 PM on 1/8/18 at MG in the library. Additional meetings will be discussed at that time.</p>			
Other Business Not Anticipated within 48 Hours Prior to the Meeting	<p>None</p>			
Adjourn to Executive Session	<p>Motion to adjourn to Executive Session with no intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Caplinger – Aye, DiLego – Aye, Greene – Aye, Bergeron – Aye, Miller – Aye, Terranova – Aye, Dodig – Aye.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>D. Caplinger</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Nopper
Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

Minutes Approved 1/8/2018

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