



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

Transition Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: January 18, 2018

Start: 6:32 PM

Adjourn: 9:01 PM

Location:

Mount Greylock Library

Williamstown, MA

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
J. Bergeron D. Caplinger A. Terranova R. DiLego S. Miller C. Dodig (Entered at 6:33 PM) C. Greene Absent:	Mary MacDonald, Principal MGRS

Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Meeting Called to Order	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 6:32 PM. J. Bergeron gave a note of order in regards to what is allowable during public comment sections of school committee meetings.			
Public Comment	Three Mount Greylock students, Joshua Duncan; Jacob Hane, and Morgan Pannesco spoke to the committee regarding the Superintendent Hiring Process Decision in support of appointing Kim Grady as the next permanent Superintendent. and presented the committee with signatures from 350 students in support of appointing Ms. Grady as Superintendent In addition, PJ Pannesco also made public comment in support of appointing Kim Grady as Superintendent.			
Motion to Adjourn	Motion to adjourn to Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a) (3) and 21(a) (2) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and discuss strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares. Roll Call VOTE: Miller – AYE, Dodig – AYE, Terranova – AYE, Caplinger – AYE, DiLego – AYE, Greene – AYE, Bergeron – AYE	Miller	Dodig	7-0-0



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	Returned to Open Session at 7:25 PM			
Approval Of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018. Discussion: None	Miller	DiLego	7-0-0.
FY19 Budget / Preliminary Figures & Discussion	Andy Paquette from TMS spoke to the school committee regarding the ongoing FY19 Budget process. Currently we are proceeding on track per the budget timeline. Work will continue to move data from the accounting systems of the elementary schools to the accounting system at MGRSD. Each elementary school committee has already received a preview of the school's budget. MGRSD Committee will be able to review preliminary figures during a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 1/23. Discussion regarding the process of approval for the newly expanded District budget. The current timeline is to have a full draft budget presented to the transition committee on 2/1 by the principals. Discussion regarding holding a budget workshop in addition to the 2/1 budget presentation.			
Master Calendar Discussion & Vote	J. Bergeron reviewed a draft Master Calendar with agenda items for the Transition Committee from January – June 2018. J. Bergeron asked the committee to review and provide feedback on the Master Calendar so it can be finalized, voted and approved within a short time at a future meeting. The committee discussed upcoming meeting dates in February as well as the process and scope of work that will need to be completed for the District Transition Plan. Discussion around the differences between the Transition Plan and the District and School Improvement Plans.	None	None	None
Business Manager Hiring and/or Bidding Process Decision	Discussion regarding options for a Business Manager as of FY19. We can post the position, put the position out for a bid, or we can do both. K. Grady is requesting approval to move forward with both tracks. This would allow the Interim Superintendent to prepare a request for proposal, and a job description to bring forward for approval. Discussion about extending the current contract with TMS. MOTION: To authorize the Interim Superintendent, Kimberley Grady, to post the position of Business Manager and to request and collect RFP's from vendors of Business Management Services after approval by the job description of Business Manager and the RFP for Business Management services.	D. Caplinger	C. Greene	7-0-0
Superintendent Hiring Process Decision	J. Bergeron discussed the feedback he received from community members regarding the Superintendent hiring process. In the future, the	Motion 1: Miller Motion 2: Caplinger	Dodig DiLego	4-3-0 7-0-0



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	<p>school committee would like to explore an email address that is specifically for community feedback. J. Bergeron read and discussed summarized community feedback to the committee. Discussion on process and options on how to move forward in hiring the next Superintendent. Motion to conduct an expedited minimal search for a permanent superintendent. Next steps will be to determine the process and timeline. Motion that the search approved by the committee be a minimal expedited search with a targeted search approach to include language indicating that the District has a strong internal candidate.</p>			
<p>District Transition Plan Update & Discussion</p>	<p>Topic covered within earlier topics in the meeting.</p>			
<p>Regular Meeting Date(s) discussion</p>	<p>At this time, meetings will continue to be as needed to complete the work needed to fully transition from the tri-district to the expanded regional structure.</p>			
<p>Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 hours of meeting</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn at 9:01 PM</p>	<p>Terranova</p>	<p>Greene</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jonathan Nopper
 Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

A DVD recording of this meeting in its entirety is available at the District Office.