



# Mt. Greylock Regional School District

## Transition Committee Open Session Minutes

**Date:** January 25, 2018

**Start:** 4:30 PM

**Adjourn:** 6:30 PM

**Location:**

Mount Greylock Library

Williamstown, MA

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Also Present:</b>
J. Bergeron D. Caplinger A. Terranova R. DiLego S. Miller C. Dodig C. Greene  <b>Absent:</b>	

<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 4:32 PM.			
<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	Motion to go into Executive Session with 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.  This Agenda item was not needed			
<b>Approval Of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018. Discussion: None	Miller	Terranova	7-0-0
<b>Transition Plan Table of Contents from Superintendent</b>	J. Bergeron reviewed the Table of Contents for the District Transition Plan as provided in the packet by the Interim Superintendent. The committee will be working on many of these items in the coming months and the table of contents is being provided so that the committee can stay apprised of all the work that needs to be completed prior to July 1. Further review at future meetings will take place to inform the committee further on items that will need their input.			



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<p><b>Tuition Agreements Update</b></p>	<p>K. Grady, C. Dodig and J. Bergeron met with representatives from New Ashford and Hancock to present the Tuition rates that the committee had previously voted on. The towns cited concerns that they did not receive enough notice prior to the vote being taken. Additionally, they asked for input to avoid any number shock when they brought the new tuition rates to their towns. The towns asked if there was a possibility to phase in the increased tuition rates over time. The committee discussed potential effects on the MGRSD budget. J. Bergeron mentioned that more information was requested from New Ashford and Hancock to address any potential challenges the towns might have with increased tuition costs. Discussion regarding the possibility of phasing in the tuition rates as well as a potential to phase in an amount above the Per Pupil rates from DESE as a contribution to the new building. R. DiLego commented that New Ashford was notified that tuition costs would be changing in May of 2017 when the LES school committee voted to change their tuition policy. The committee will discuss this item further and will invite members of the town to attend and discuss.</p>			
<p><b>Superintendent Posting, Search, Timeline and Details Decisions</b></p>	<p>The committee spent some time discussing the last meeting in which the decision was made to conduct a search. The committee wished to clarify that if, for whatever reason, the Interim Superintendent is not chosen as the next permanent Superintendent, she would still hold a position within the District as Assistant Superintendent.</p> <p><b>Superintendent Job Posting Subcommittee:</b> The committee discussed appointing a subcommittee of the Transition committee to gather information and post the position of Superintendent with one member authorized to finalize and post the position. The subcommittee will consist of S. Miller, J. Bergeron, and C. Greene. Discussion: This subcommittee will exist until the position of Superintendent has been posted. The full committee will be able to see the posting materials and give feedback to Steve Miller. If there are any substantive changes, the full subcommittee will need to meet. VOTE 7-0-0. Greene/DiLego, Steve Miller as Chair of Subcommittee, 7-0-0.</p> <p><b>Search Committee:</b> A. Terranova recommended reaching out to each Town Administrator to ask them to appoint one member from each town to serve on the search committee along with all members of the Transition Committee. MOTION</p>	<p>Dodig</p>	<p>Greene</p>	<p>7-0-0.</p>



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	<p>by C. Dodig to grant Kimberley Grady a finalist interview with the full transition committee.</p> <p>DiLego seconds. Discussion relating to the search process, the potential composition of the search committee and details that may impact the outcomes and recommendations of the search committee. In the event that the full committee would still like to consider someone as a finalist who was not recommended by the search committee, they have the ability to do so. D. Caplinger requests tabling the vote until the composition of the search committee is discussed. VOTE- 2-5-0. MOTION FAILS.</p> <p>The Ad-hoc subcommittee will be tasked with meeting with community stakeholders in order to make a recommendation of a Search Committee Slate to the Transition Committee meeting by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Miller/Caplinger Motion regarding the composition of the search committee. Vote: 7-0-0.</p> <p>Timeline and Process: Discussion regarding moving the Orientation of the school committee to the week of</p> <p>Caplinger/Miller: The Search committee should bring forward no more than three finalist candidates. 7-0-0.</p> <p>Motion to task the ad-hoc subcommittee to recommend the membership of the search committee to the full committee within the composition that was laid out tonight; to consist of two members of the transition committee, one principal, one representative chosen by the teachers union, one parent of a school member (each of the last three members should be chosen so that here is a representative from each school), one town official, and one student recommended by the MGRS Principal, and to define the timeline that will be made public and used to keep the</p>			
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	<p>transition committee on track. Greene/Miller. Vote 7-0-0.</p> <p>Transition committee members to serve on the search committee: Motion for Steve Miller and Dan Caplinger to be transition committee representatives on the search committee. 7-0-0.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the background and qualifications desired for the next Superintendent.</p>			
<b>Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 hours of meeting</b>	None			
<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 PM	Miller	Terranova	7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jonathan Nopper  
Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

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