



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

Transition Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: March 27, 2018

Start: 6:03 PM

Adjourn: 7:59 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 C. Greene <u>Absent:</u> D. Caplinger	Kim Grady, Interim Superintendent Mary MacDonald, Principal MGRS Joelle Brookner, Principal WES Martin McEvoy, Principal LES School Building Committee

Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Call Open Session to Order	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 6:03 PM			
Building Project Schedule Discussion	Mike Giso, Project Manager from Turner Construction gave a presentation regarding the updated building project construction schedule. S. Miller asked how much time the teachers would have to settle into their space in the new building. Principal MacDonald stated that the expectation is that teachers will pack their rooms after the conclusion of school this year and items will be stored in staging areas such as the gym. The timing for actually moving into the new space is a bit up in the air based on the work that will take place over the summer on the parking lot; which will be completed over the summer while students are out of school. As of right now, it's looking like teachers will be able to begin moving into the new building during the last week in August after the			



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<p>completion of construction, building inspection and the issuance of the certificate of occupancy. Some discussion on the schedule for demo and abatement and how plans for some work to take place during spring break while students are not in the building. Discussion regarding what happens if the current schedule is not held to and the construction timeline runs late as it would delay the start of school. Trip Elmore, OPM from Dore and Whittier spoke to his high level of confidence in the construction timeline as presented and spoke to the week-to-week process that will take place to make sure the timeline is holding steady based on what takes place on the job site. J. Bergeron asked for an update on the availability of skilled trades based on the local competition in the area. M. Giso said that we were in a good spot and he had a high level of confidence that the building would be delivered on time. Discussion regarding having a “trigger date” to determine if the demolition should be delayed with the possibility of opening school in the old building on a contingency plan if there are significant unexpected delays with the new building. Discussion regarding if the committee needed to vote on the new phasing schedule to, in effect, amend the original contract where a different phase completion schedule was listed. The overall end date has not changed but the steps to completion have changed. After further discussion, the building committee will follow up with legal counsel to make sure that we follow the correct process to address the new phasing schedule. Public Comments made by a District parent, Chris Kapiloff, who has work experience building public schools (has worked on 75-100 public schools). He commented that he believes the new schedule allows for a razor thin margin of error for delivering the new building on time and gave feedback on possible items that may delay the project further. Chris spoke generally to construction projects and their contracts and</p>			
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	<p>said that generally there are general conditions within the master contract and all sub contracts that outline your rights and remedies for every given scenario. Chris felt that it was important to contact legal counsel in order to make sure that the District does not forfeit any rights and remedies within the contract by not doing a contract amendment. Chris also spoke to the potential need to speak to the OPM and CM regarding who will pay for temporary needs if the building schedule has any further unexpected delays. Further discussion after the public comment regarding planning for any unexpected delays to the project schedule and following up to ensure that the District does not waive any rights either through action or inaction based on what is in the present contract. J. Bergeron said that he was mindful of summer planning, the end of the school year, and the upcoming effective date of the expanded regionalization on 7/1 and how all of these effect the District's administration. He would like to see a multi-committee effort to layer in some visibility into the project so that everyone stays aware of how things are progressing and how to further improve efforts as a team so that administration is free to close out the year, plan for summer and get across the finish line for regionalization. C. Greene said that it would be very helpful to have M. Schiek involved in the weekly meetings. (C. Greene Exits)</p>			
<p>Approval Of Minutes</p>	<p>Motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 Discussion: Page 2 In the FY19 discussion regarding public hearing clean up bond, include that the committee made an earlier decision to phase in the constructions cots over 2 years and this is the last year we expect to have a change due to that reason.</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>R. DiLego</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>
<p>Tuition Agreements</p>	<p>(C. Greene Exits) C. Dodig reported on the latest negotiations meeting that occurred with Superintendent Dillon and members of the New</p>	<p>C. Dodig</p>	<p>S. Miller</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>



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	Ashford School Committee. The New Ashford School Committee voted 2-1 to accept a phased in Tuition Agreement wherein the New Ashford tuition rate would reach the DESE per pupil rate less transportation and special education costs. Motion to approve the tuition agreements for the Town of Hancock and the Town of New Ashford as presented. The committee will confirm that the signatory should legally be the town and not the school committees.			
Preliminary Discussion of the 2018-2019 School Calendar	The School calendar cannot be finalized until work day / work year is finalized within the ongoing negotiations. C. Dodig reported that the negotiations team will be putting a full financial package on the table very soon. C. Dodig stated that he would ask the unions to determine if a starting date for the next school year could be established as soon as possible.			
Announcements	C. Greene announced that Joe Bergeron is being honored at the Berkshire Community College Foundation 40 under 40. Congratulations Joe! (C. Greene Exits)			
Discussion of draft lease agreements	K. Grady gave an update on the work that has occurred thus far on the draft lease agreements for the elementary schools. The LES agreement in the packet is red-lined and the red-line edits need to be reviewed by the committee as they have been accepted by Lanesborough and any edits the committee does not accept will mean edits will need to be made to both the LES and WES agreements. A final version of the lease agreements must be voted on and executed by July 1, 2018.			
Subcommittee Reports	ESP negotiations have started. Thursday evening 4/5 will be used to conduct superintendent interviews and selection. Discussion about the conditions under which the committee could go into executive session during this process. The deliberations must occur as part of an open public meeting.			
Other Business	K. Grady, S. Miller and Pat Correira met earlier in the week. A draft of the policy manual will be shared with the committee so that all can begin reading through it in its entirety in preparation for voting the manual and putting it in place to be in effect by July 1, 2018.			
Upcoming Meetings	SBC – April 10 at 5:30 Transition – April 5 at 6 PM			
Motion to Adjourn	Motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM.	Miller	Terranova	5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Nopper
Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

A digital recording of this meeting in its entirety is available on the District website.