



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

Transition Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: April 26, 2018

Start: 6:00 PM

Adjourn: 9:13 PM

Location:

Mount Greylock Library

Williamstown, MA

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
J. Bergeron D. Caplinger A. Terranova R. DiLego S. Miller – Entered 6:02 PM; Exits at 7PM C. Dodig Absent: C. Greene	Kim Grady, Interim Superintendent Dan Colli, Perkins Eastman Josh Duncan, Student Representative Chris Desjardins, TMS

Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Meeting Called to Order	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 6:00 PM.			
Public Comment	None			
Approval Of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018. Discussion: Exit Time for John Vosburgh 6:58 PM	DiLego	Caplinger	5-0-0
Perkins Eastman – Schematic Design Presentation	D. Colli provided an updated cost estimate for the proposed Mount Greylock capital projects. Mr. Colli’s presentation summarized the priorities of the Fund for Mount Greylock Capital Projects from Williams College. D. Colli reviewed the different planning options for the new Administrative / Athletic building and fields. Discussion regarding cost. C. Dodig provided background on the process leading up to tonight’s presentation which started with the Mount Greylock (7-12) School Committee. C. Dodig and J. Bergeron will	None	None	N/A



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	<p>take part in a working group to continue to gather information to assist in determining next steps in this process.</p>			
<p>Report from the Interim Superintendent</p>	<p>Introduction of Student Representative: K. Grady introduced Josh Duncan, Senior at Mount Greylock. J. Duncan gave updates about the recent happenings on student council at Mount Greylock. Student Council elections are currently taking place. Results will be announced on Friday. Student Council has also worked on creating a subcommittee to explore student health as it relates to AP classes, course load and student stress levels. Next year, there will be three alternating student council members fulfilling the role of student representative to the school committee.</p>			
	<p>WES Cafeteria Workers Request for Accretion in the Bargaining Unit: K. Grady presented a request from Lisa Spencer on behalf of the WES cafeteria workers requesting to join the MGRSD Cafeteria Workers Union. MOTION: Move to accept the request from the Williamstown Elementary cafeteria workers for accretion into the union as presented. Discussion regarding next steps.</p>	<p>Caplinger</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>Summer Move Strategy Update: K. Grady gave an update regarding recent meetings with Diamond relocation. They will be on site from 6/21 through 6/28. Full-year staff will be located at the elementary schools and Williamstown Town Hall through the summer. MGRS will be closed to the public on 6/25. Staff locations and contact information will be publicized on the website and posted publicly so members of the public will know where to reach particular staff members.</p>				
<p>Staffing – all three Schools: K. Grady provided updates regarding staffing changes and retirements that are official and potentially expected.</p>				
<p>Building Based Updates: K. Grady asked each of the three school principals to provide building based updates. J. Brookner, Principal of WES. English MCAS have been completed as of 4/26. WES students won the Lego robotics competition along with the sportsmanship and team spirit award. GO WES!! The sixth grade musical will be James & the Giant Peach. Times will be posted on the website. WES Art show is coming up on June 5th. Dr. McEvoy, Principal of LES: LES is very proud of the students who participated in the recent Lego robotics challenge. Yesterday, the sixth graders participated in a very well attended science fair. Spring concert is May 24th at 6 PM. Christine Singer and Bob Dean came to LES today to work with students on empathy awareness. LES will be placing a brand new, grant-supported Buddy Bench outside where the students have recess once the ground firms up a bit more. Christy Viall taught students the rules of the Buddy Bench during a community building exercise. M. MacDonald, Principal of MGRS gave an update regarding the ongoing MCAS testing. Senator Hinds will be on grounds tomorrow and taking a tour of the building. Day of Silence will be taking place on 4/27 sponsored by the Peer Team and GSA. Mr. Powers</p>				



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	<p>class received an honorable mention in the PSA contest about Bullying. May 11th will mark the opening of an exhibit at Mass MOCA which features student art pieces from Mount Greylock along with other schools throughout Northern Berkshire County. M. MacDonald gave an update on five boys and three girls who will be going to Boys State and Girls State. Twelve eighth grade students took place in the Strive conference which is sponsored by the Berkshire County District Attorney's office. Spring concerts are coming up in May; dates will be posted on the website calendar. The Spring play will be Our Town and will be directed by students. Ellen Kaiser will be recognized with the Berkshire County Educator Recognition Award.</p>			
	<p>Summer Facilities Use Requests at WES: K. Grady gave some history on the facility use requests in the packet. Motion to accept the Williamstown Theater Festival contract as presented and the gaming camp contract with an exact rent to be determined within the range that is currently printed in the packet.</p> <p>Discussion: C. Dodig asked if there was a stream-lined set of fees for rentals and facility use fees. J. Bergeron stated that this was a topic that the WES school committee had taken up previously and will need to be brought forward again to be reviewed and finalized.</p>	<p>Caplinger</p>	<p>DiLego</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>Report from the Business Office</p>	<p>Transition to Regionalization: C. Desjardins gave updates on the work that has been ongoing regarding the Transition to Regionalization. C. Desjardins reported updates on MIIA liability insurance. The FY17 Audit is complete. The business office has been working with the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System. Health insurance and salaries are currently an open item under negotiations. Transition and training is taking place with the accounting system (Budget Sense). Business office staff will be having weekly meetings and will be conducting a time study to determine an equitable split of responsibilities. Grants are being drawn down with the goal of spending all available funds prior to the end of the fiscal year.</p>			
<p>Subcommittee / Liaison Updates</p>	<p>Policy: A complete policy book is available to the committee for review. The committee should provide feedback to K. Grady and S. Miller so edits can be made with MASC. The full new policy manual will be voted in July 2018. Comments should be made by May 21st so that MASC can make the edits within the appropriate time frame.</p> <p>Negotiations: C. Dodig gave a general update regarding the status of negotiations. Teachers are currently reviewing a financial proposal. A newly revised combined contract was presented to support personnel and they are reviewing that proposal this evening.</p> <p>Capital Gift: Item was covered in previous agenda item.</p> <p>Building Project: No discussion.</p>			



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Updated School Building Committee Slate	The Lanesborough Select Board requested that John Goerlach take the place of Bob Ericson. Motion to accept the updated SBC slate as presented.	DiLego	Terranova	5-0-0.
Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session	<p>Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a): (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Terranova – Aye, Bergeron – Aye, DiLego Aye, Dodig – Aye, Caplinger Aye Committee Adjourned to Executive Session at: 7:44 PM Committee Returned to Open Session at: 9:10 PM</p>	Caplinger	DiLego	
MG Building Project Schedule Update / Response	Motion to authorize to authorize our attorney, Christopher Strang, to send a letter to our Owner's Project Manager and our construction company for the purpose of protecting our rights moving forward and working toward a timely completion of our building project.	Dodig	DiLego	5-0-0
Designation of Subcommittee for Superintendent Contract Negotiations	Discussion of creating a subcommittee for the purpose of contract negotiations for the Superintendent of Schools position. The subcommittee will be comprised of D. Caplinger, C. Dodig, and R. DiLego with R. DiLego as Chair.	Dodig	Caplinger	5-0-0
Announcements / Upcoming Events of Interest	None			
Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 hours of meeting	None			
Upcoming Meetings	A. May 3, 6:00 PM Transition Committee B. May 8, 5:30 PM School Building Committee C. May 15, 7 PM Williamstown Town Meeting			



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	D. May 17, 6 PM Transition Committee.			
Motion to Adjourn	Motion to adjourn at 9:13 PM	DiLego	Dodig	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.