



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

Transition Committee Open Session Minutes

Date: June 14, 2018

Start: 6:01 PM

Adjourn: 8:52 PM

Location:

Mount Greylock Library

Williamstown, MA

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
J. Bergeron D. Caplinger A. Terranova R. DiLego S. Miller C. Greene C. Dodig Absent:	Kim Grady, Interim Superintendent Martin McEvoy, Principal LES Mary MacDonald, Principal MGRS Joelle Brookner, Principal WES

Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
Meeting Called to Order	Open Session called to Order by J. Bergeron at 6:01 PM.			
Motion to adjourn to Executive Session	Motion to adjourn to Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session per MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a) (2) and (3) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Director of Pupil Services) and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Teachers & Paraprofessionals) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares. Discussion: Procedural discussion on whether or not to hear Public Comment before or after Executive Session. The Chair reviewed Public Comment Guidelines. Roll Call Vote: Caplinger – NAY, Greene – AYE, DiLego – NAY, Bergeron – NAY, Miller – NAY, Dodig – NAY, Terranova – NAY	DiLego	Miller	1-6-0 Motion Fails



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<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Marty Walter, teacher at MGRS, read a statement on behalf of the Educators Association. The statement highlighted the Association’s support of regionalization while asserting that the Union staff feel frustrated by the timeline and the state of the current negotiations. They feel their proposals have not been adequately addressed, that the Negotiations committee is unwilling to negotiate. The Union staff would like the District to honor current contracts that are in place until negotiations concludes rather than freezing employee wages while negotiations are ongoing. A copy of the full statement read by Mr. Walter was submitted to be included as part of the public record for this meeting.</p>			
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<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>June 7, 2018: MOTION to accept. Discussion: None</p>	<p>Greene</p>	<p>DiLego</p>	<p>6-0-1, Dodig Abstains</p>
<p>Report from the Interim Superintendent</p>	<p>Approval of Director of Pupil Services contract: Irene Ryan is being brought forward for approval for a contract to begin July 1. MOTION to approve the recommendation of Irene Ryan as Director of Pupil Services. Discussion: The contract was previously discussed during executive session. Irene Ryan will join us from Westfield Public Schools where she is the</p>	<p>Caplinger</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>



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	<p>current Supervisor of Special Education. Before Westfield, she worked for Hampshire Regional.</p>			
	<p>Approval of lease for trailer for temporary district office: K. Grady presented a lease agreement to the committee for a doublewide trailer for a temporary District Office, which will be placed at MGRS at the construction site. It can be delivered next week if the lease is approved this evening. Over the Summer, District office will be housed at Williamstown Elementary School. If the trailer is ordered immediately, it can provide a working space for 12-month employees that must remain on site as building construction continues. This will also allow District office staff to move and store files once before a permanent District office exists. Some of the required costs for utilities are yet to be determined. The initial cost of the trailer for 10 months without utility costs or the costs to add an internal bathroom would be \$30,000 from the Capital Gift Fund. Discussion regarding ongoing discussions pertaining to using space at the Williamstown library. At this point, the library trustees have approved the District to use one of the fire-rated rooms. MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to enter into lease negotiations with William Scottsman with a bathroom, plus utility costs for the purposes of securing a temporary District Office</p>	DiLego	Miller	7-0-0
	<p>Approval of MGRSD revised job descriptions: K. Grady reviewed the progress of updating job descriptions within the District and business offices to update language and remove SU71 from all descriptions.</p>			
	<p>Closeout of grants: Work continues to spend down and zero out all grants in time for July 1.</p>			
	<p>Regional Organizational Codes: Region codes will stay the same. The Region has existed and is expanding so MGRSD region codes, tax ID, etc. will remain the same.</p>			



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	Summer Programming Update: K. Grady gave a brief update about the Summer Programming. The elementary schools will be utilized over the summer to complete all summer programming.			
Approval of Superintendent Contract:	Motion to approve the contract of Kimberley Grady as Superintendent for a three year term with a first year salary of \$154,500. Discussion: A. Terranova spoke regarding previous discussions surrounding the need for a two-thirds vote to renew the Superintendent's contract.	DiLego	Caplinger	6-0-1 Miller Abstains
FY19 Budget / Lanesborough Town Meeting Update:	J. Bergeron stated that no vote was necessary because the assessed value was voted at Lanesborough Town Meeting.	No Vote	No Vote	N/A
Lease Agreements for Lanesborough & Williamstown Elementary Schools:	J. Bergeron reviewed the latest draft lease agreements for each of the elementary schools. Other than the school names and addresses, everything will be the same except for Lanesborough lease, which has an alternative Appendix A. J. Bergeron reviewed the newest tracked changes, which bring the agreement in line with the Regional Agreement. J. Bergeron noted that the lease agreements would not be final until they are voted on by each town's Board of Selectmen. MOTION to approve the Lanesborough lease with the provision that the clause on mowing/plowing/landscaping is inserted and if any other changes are made the agreement will be brought back to be re-voted by the committee. MOTION to approve the Williamstown lease as presented subject to the insertion of the mowing clause and the appropriate Appendix A and if there are any other changes we will re-vote.	MOTION I Miller MOTION II Miller	Greene Greene	7-0-0 7-0-0
Revolver Accounts for Lanesborough & Williamstown Elementary Schools:	Each of the elementary schools has their own revolver accounts which need to be accepted and transferred to the Region. MOTION to receive all revolver accounts as it relates to WES and LES effective July 1, 2018. Discussion: None	Caplinger	DiLego	7-0-0



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Policy Manual Discussion	Final discussion regarding reviewing and sending feedback to Jonathan. Final feedback will be sent to MASC for editing and the committee will vote the entire policy manual in time for it to take effect as of July 1, 2018			
FY19 School Calendar	<p>J. Bergeron stated that a large amount of public feedback had been received regarding the school calendar. He stated that there was an option to put April break back on with a notation that days may be taken away due to excessive snow days. Discussion regarding the potential for creating unexcused absences if families have pre-planned vacations during April and it is decided for school to be in session at that time. S. Miller expressed concern for changing April break as many families have already made plans for next year's vacations. D. Caplinger stated that some members of the public had advocated for a March break to be in-line with some other local institutions and colleges. M. MacDonald stated that doing this might be in conflict with MCAS testing; but at this time, dates for next year have yet to be announced. J. Bergeron summarized the options and arguments made by the public for making changes to next year's calendar. The committee discussed briefly the possibility of eliminating February break instead of April but administrators are in favor of keeping February break due to the level of sickness at that time due to flu season. Discussion regarding putting April vacation back in with a caveat that states if a certain number of snow days are used by a specific date, April vacation days will be eliminated and school will be in session. Discussion regarding the process for implementing Blizzard Bags and the percentage of students that need to complete the assigned work in order for the District to count the day as a school day. The building Principals provided additional feedback and expressed that they do not</p>	Greene	Miller	5-2-0



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	<p>favor taking vacation days back based on the number of snow days used. MOTION to adopt a calendar that adds the 16th, 17th, and 18th of April as vacation days. Discussion: The last day would be 6/18 +five built in snow days would put the last day (185) on 6/25. VOTE: 5-2. Terranova and DiLego Against. MOTION PASSES.</p>			
<p>Announcements / Upcoming Events of Interest</p>	<p>K. Grady gave updates regarding the District office move starting on June 22. The campus will be closed as of June 25th. C. Greene gave an update in her capacity as District VI Chair for MASC. Meeting with Jeff Riley with discussion on who relations with DESE can be improved. Legislative Form will be held in the Fall. Legislators have already signed on. C. Greene will be sending out an email with additional information. It will be at 6PM on either 10/1 or 10/15 at Lee Middle/High School.</p>			
<p>Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 hours of meeting</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Upcoming Meetings</p>	<p>A. July 12th, 5:30 PM, School Building Committee at Williamstown Elementary School B. End of June, possible Transition Committee meeting</p>			
<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM</p>	<p>Greene</p>	<p>Dodig</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jonathan Nopper
 Mount Greylock Minutes Recorder

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