

Mount Greylock Regional High School Building Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 26, 2013

Attendees: J. Benzinger, J. Wirtes, D. Vogel, M. Schiek, T. Bartels, R. Ericson, C. Greene, P. Consolini, L. Moors

Agenda Items:

1) Review of meeting minutes:

Meeting of April 4, 2013: motion to accept C. Greene, P. Consolini seconded. L. Moors abstained. All in favor.

Meeting of April 25, 2013: motion to accept P. Consolini, J. Benzinger second. All in favor pending correction of spelling of attendee names.

Meeting of August 29, 2013: motion to accept P. Consolini, C. Greene second. J. Benzinger, T. Bartels, and L. Moors abstained. All others in favor.

2) Update on Univent system options provided by J. Wirtes. Phone quotes received for each Univent replacement of \$5-6,000 plus controls update of \$1,900 per unit. Additional options include installation of alternative heating/ventilation (ceiling mount) units in certain areas of the building. A priority list for repair/replacement is being developed. The building contains approximately 120 Univent units. It was suggested that a HVAC evaluation by a qualified engineer was warranted in order to determine potential options for improving the interior school building environment.

Proposal to School Committee: The Building Subcommittee recommended to the School Committee that we contract for and complete an engineering study of the heating ventilation system to understand repair, replacement, and improvement options. (Move for a vote T. Bartels, P. Consolini second. Abstained R. Ericson, C. Greene. All others in favor)

3) School grounds. Last year's (2012) dry summer resulted in poor field conditions due to grubs and crabgrass. With the demands on the fields there is a need to keep them in the best possible condition. J. Wirtes is looking at options for the spring of 2014 as to what can be done. In addition, it was noted that the Finance committee is also looking at options.

4) Recent humidity closure discussion. J. Wirtes and R. Ellis discussed the need for a snow day on September 11, 2013, due to excessive humidity resulting in condensation in the building. Floor surfaces were very wet, and a decision was made for an early dismissal and closure for safety reasons. The drop in humidity, and work to dry out the school by the maintenance staff remedied the issue. It was noted that the same problem had occurred during the summer vacation, resulting in a one-week closure of the

school. After the staff resolved the recent issue a mold assessment was completed on 9/20/13 by Gem Environmental. The assessment concluded that the building was in good shape, and that the mold counts were below the measured outside counts. In addition, only common mold types were found.

5) MSBA update. Dr. Ellis, who has been maintaining contact with MSBA, reported that the MSBA would be considering Mount Greylock at their meeting in Boston on October 2, 2013. Support for the Mount Greylock application had been sought from the local representatives. Dr. Ellis and C. Greene met with both State Representative Cariddi (pre-humidity closure) and State Senator Downing (post humidity closure). Both expressed their support for Mount Greylock, and noted that they have been in contact with members of the MSBA. The President of Williams College, Adam Falk, also sent a letter to the MSBA supporting Greylock's SOI after the school closure. C. Greene stated that feedback she received indicated that the case made in the most recent SOI, not the recent humidity issue, was not the deciding factor in MSBA placing Mount Greylock on the upcoming meeting agenda. Dr. Ellis, C. Greene, and P. Consolini were planning on attending the meeting in Boston.

6) Other business:

The Committee discussed the potential need to increase activities and adjust the Building Subcommittee make-up with the acceptance of Mount Greylock by the MSBA. The chair asked Building Subcommittee members to let C. Greene, Chair of the School Committee, know their intentions regarding continued service on this committee.

The Williamstown Fire District will hold a meeting on 10/15/13, 7:00PM at the Williamstown Elementary School to discuss land purchase for a potential new fire house.

The Williamstown Finance Committee has invited representatives of Mount Greylock to a meeting on October 9, 2013, to discuss the potential building needs. Dr. Ellis and C. Greene will be attending. [Note: this meeting will now take place on Oct. 8 at 7 pm in Wmst Town Hall. ~C. Greene]

Next meeting set for October 24, 2013, at 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn: J. Benzinger. Second: C. Greene. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.