

# Mount Greylock Regional School District Building Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 24, 2013

Attendees: D. Backus, A. Jezouit, J. Benzinger, J. Wirtes, D. Vogel, M. Schiek, T. Bartels, P. Consolini, L. Moors

Agenda Items:

1) Review of meeting minutes:

Minutes of September 26, 2013: Motion to accept J. Benzinger, D. Vogel seconded. All in favor to accept. Abstained: D. Backus and A. Jezouit.

2) An update on the MSBA meeting of October 2, 2013, was given by P. Consolini. At this meeting, Mount Greylock Regional School was invited into the Eligibility Phase of the MSBA program.

3) A discussion of the needed eligibility module documentation & votes was conducted. This included:

- a) Initial Compliance Certificate (ICI) which has been prepared by the district administration – due 30 days after official acceptance by MSBA.
- b) The need for the MGRHS School Committee to nominate and have in place an official Building Subcommittee. The School Committee had begun discussions on the appropriate make-up of the Building Subcommittee, and they were planning on voting on a slate at their meeting on 10/31/13. This is due 60 days from acceptance.
- c) Maintenance Plan. J. Wirtes reported that the work on this documentation had started. The plan will cover both past and future plans for school building maintenance. D. Vogel offered his assistance in preparation of the plan. This is due 120 days from acceptance.
- d) Certification of design enrollment. It was noted that the enrollment projects for any building project will be vetted by MSBA, and that submission of this triggers a visit by MSBA to confirm the enrollment projection. This is due 120 days from acceptance.
- e) A town vote to approve the funds for the feasibility study. This will include the need for the funds to be available to fund the feasibility study as presently understood by the MGRHS BC. B. Stevens from the Lanesborough Finance Committee was present, and commented that he expects that this will require a heavy sell in Lanesborough. There are three major bond issues still active within the town including funding for land for a Senior Center, Lanesborough Town Hall repairs, and the elementary school. The concerns were noted, and will need to be addressed as the process moves forward. The vote and funds must be completed 270 days from acceptance.
- f) A Feasibility Agreement between MGRHS and MSBA must be in place for the district to move into the Feasibility Module.

5) Updates on recent presentations to the Williamstown and Lanesborough Finance Committees. P. Consolini gave the update on the presentation in Williamstown which was conducted shortly after MSBA invited MGRHS into the eligibility module. There are some large potential financially impactful projects, including a feasibility study, before Williamstown, but the Finance Committee was receptive to the needs of the MGRHS. M. Schiek gave a similar update on the presentation to Lanesborough, noting that there was some caution and opposition to moving forward with a feasibility study.

6) Other business:

D. Backus was asked to bring before the MGRHS Finance Subcommittee the request for an RFQ regarding an engineering study of the classroom univents. Additional information may be required, and will be requested if needed.

D. Backus asked if the SBC will have its own finance committee or use the MGRHS Finance Subcommittee for expenses as work with MSBA takes place. The new SBC will include members of the Finance Subcommittee, but this issue will need to be clarified.

The present assessment, \$7.8 million, of the MGRHS building good through July 1, 2014, was received. D. Backus indicated that we are allowed to conduct capital improvements of up to 33% of the valuation over a three year period without triggering the need to move forward on additional update needs for ADA compliance. There was some discussion as to what constitutes capital improvements and what is maintenance. Clarification will be sought.

Next meeting – November 21, 2013, at 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn: J. Benzinger; Second: A. Jezouit. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.