

Mount Greylock Regional School District Building Committee Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. – S103 Mt. Greylock Meeting Room

November 21, 2013

Attendees: D. Backus, J. Benzinger, J. Wirtes, M. Schiek, T. Bartels, P. Consolini, C. Greene, R. Ellis, M. MacDonald, J. Goerlach, L. Bassett, R. Turbin

Absent: C. Dodig, A. Jezouit, L. Moors

1) Call to Order

M. Schiek called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2) Introduction and Welcome to New Members

Members introduced themselves.

I. Charge of Committee

M. Schiek and P. Consolini would come up with language for a formal charge that would be approved by the School Committee and then be presented to the Building Committee at the following meeting.

3) MSBA Process Update

- I. The School entered module 1 of the Eligibility Phase on October 16, 2013.
- II. The Initial Compliance Certificate (ICC) was due 30 days after official MSBA acceptance. The ICC had been prepared by the Superintendent's Office and sent off within the first week, and the MSBA had accepted the document.
- III. The SBC slate, due 60 days after acceptance, had also been submitted to the MSBA and was under review.
- IV. The Maintenance Plan, due 180 days after acceptance, was in process, and J. Wirtes was waiting on the receipt of a password in order to be granted access to the system. C. Greene noted that a thorough maintenance plan was eligible for up to 2 reimbursement points, so it was worth taking their time on the plan.
- V. Design Enrollment, which needed to be submitted and certified by the MSBA no later than 180 days acceptance, was a comprehensive enrollment projection that was meant to go beyond information available on the DESE website. Submission of this document would trigger a sit-down meeting between Superintendent R. Ellis, Principal M. MacDonald, and the MSBA.
- VI. A Feasibility Agreement between MGRHS and the MSBA would be created after the vote and funding decisions were made, and would allow the SBC to move into the Feasibility Phase and hire a project management firm.

4) Report on Discussion with Architect and Project Management Company

- I. P. Consolini, T. Bartels, R. Ellis and J. Benzinger met with Architect and Project Management Company for discussion. Inquired about previous projects, pitfalls, similar projects that had required either new buildings or renovated buildings, and other relevant questions. Later, an advertisement would appear in the Central Register, and all firms in the area would have chance to submit proposals. The School District will have some representation on the Selection Committee, but that committee would be composed primarily of MSBA people, though the SBC would select the OPM.

5) Feasibility Study Funding

I. Amount

J. Benzinger reported that he had heard the amount estimated at between \$600-800,000. A possible ballpark figure was \$750,000. The committee discussed the need to conduct deep research to assure ideal accuracy of the estimated cost. The base reimbursement level from the MSBA was 55%, but they could earn additional reimbursement points through factors that figured in to creation of a green school or model school.

II. Needs for Votes in both Lanesborough and Williamstown

The District would float bonds and funding, and the towns would vote to fund the district. The towns would authorize two separate amounts – a portion of the expenses covered by Williamstown, and the other by Lanesborough (approx. 60/40 split). If the District would need to borrow money or ask for debt exclusion, that would require a separate ballot vote. If the project spanned two fiscal years, it might be able to avoid a debt exclusion. J. Benzinger volunteered to contact SBS and their OPMs to see if he could collect example about how feasibility numbers usually sit.

6) Community Outreach Discussion

Task Force & Needs

- I. P. Consolini asked for volunteers from the committee to work for the community outreach task force and also recommend colleagues who would be interested. C. Greene recommended following a similar tactic to that followed by the Regionalization Committee, reaching out to community groups in a systematic and structured way.
- II. Feasibility Study Task Force - J. Benzinger (chair), T. Bartels, W. Stevens.
- III. Current Building Issues Task Force – J. Wirtes, D. Backus, D. Vogel J. Benzinger, J. Hogen (mechanical engineer)

7) Update on Current Building Issues

The head of B&G and Engineers from Williams College would come to come look at Mt. Greylock's univent system. C. Greene would schedule the meeting, ideally including the new Facilities Director. J. Benzinger recommended including community member Don Clark.

8) Other Business

Building Tour for all SBC Members: December 19 at 6:00p.m.

Next Meeting: December 19 at 7:00p.m. in the Mt. Greylock Meeting Room.

Information available online at wlschools.org

9) Approval of October 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept: J. Benzinger. Second: P. Consolini. All in favor to accept.

Motion to adjourn: P. Consolini. Second: C. Greene. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dalena Frost, Minutes Recorder