

## Mount Greylock Regional School District Building Committee Meeting Minutes

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

January 30, 2014

Attendees: J. Wirtes, M. Schiek, P. Consolini, C. Greene, M. MacDonald, L. Bassett, L. Moors,  
R. Turbin

Absent: A. Jezouit, J. Benzinger, D. Backus, T. Bartels, C. Dodig, J. Goerlach, C. Taylor, D.  
Vogel, R. Ellis

### 1) Call to Order

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

### 2) Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2013 Meeting

I. Due to number of absences, voting was postponed to the February meeting.

### 3) Update on Fire Curtain

- I. M. Schiek reported that the School Committee had voted to move forward with steps to replace the auditorium fire curtain by (hopefully) summer, 2014.
- II. J. Wirtes was in communication with three different companies (Albany Theater Supply, BMI, and Major Theater Equipment Corporation in Quincy) re: quotations and distribution of costs.
- III. Current estimates looked to be between \$62,000-\$82,000 at the highest.
- IV. Ready to begin the central bid process.
- V. Would continue looking at different options and variables to assess most feasible solution, be it a lesser expenditure to rig up a more temporary curtain, or investing in a curtain with dimensions that would fit the auditorium in a new building as well.
- VI. M. MacDonald updated on theater plans for the year: Guys and Dolls to be held at Williams College CTD Main Stage, Spring Drama to be held at LES. Performing at these off-site venues, while costly, afforded unique opportunities for the students. In order to continue to include community in performances, would look at holding open dress-rehearsals off-site.

### 4) Update from Community Outreach Task Group

- I. **Progress:** The group met a week and a half ago and had put together draft documents: an FAQ and a Feasibility Study Fact Sheet. Both were available on website in draft form. A PowerPoint was also available on the Google site for task group members to use in presentations.
- II. **Upcoming Goals:** Get the word out in Lanesborough. P. Consolini had been contacted by interested Lanesborough residents who offered to volunteer. Identify more public events and school opportunities for outreach.
- III. **Upcoming Events:** Group members would be in attendance at the Williamstown Snow Fest and Tri-District Choral Concert.
- IV. **Buttons** had been ordered (count: 250).
- V. **Next Meeting:** February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Greylock Meeting Room.

### 5) Update from Feasibility Cost Task Group

- I. **Current Estimate:** Remained as presented at the previous meeting, approximately \$850,000. T. Bartels reported having had further conversations with OPMs and conducted more research that reaffirmed the accuracy of this estimate. C. Greene, J. Wirtes, R. Ellis and T. Bartels had met with another OPM earlier that day to get a better sense of what the feasibility process would entail and what results might be.
- II. **Reimbursement:** The reimbursement rate from the MSBA for a major renovation or rebuild started at a base rate of 55%
- III. **“Status Quo” or “Rehab” as opposed to Rebuild:** C. Greene explained that the first phase of the feasibility process looked at the Status Quo and would outline the steps and associated costs that would be necessary to keep the MG school building suitable for student use. Costs for this option (which would count as “not moving forward” with the MSBA) would not be reimbursable, but the feasibility process would give them numbers to compare this option to that of a renovation or rebuild.

## 6) MSBA Needs Update

- I. **Enrollment Projection:** First numbers (raw data) had been submitted to the MSBA. This had triggered an invitation to meet with MSBA and analyze enrollment projection. Were in conversation with NESDEC and hoped to work with them to do a more comprehensive study.
- II. **Maintenance Plan:** An estimated 50% of the work had been completed, and the rest would need to be finished by early April. An excellent maintenance plan could result in an additional 1.5 reimbursement points.

## 7) Update on Warrant Article Needs for Town Meetings

- I. **Settle Estimate:** Cost task group comfortable with \$850K estimate
- II. **Warrant Article:** The Lanesborough warrant article must be submitted to the town by the end of February. The School Committee would hold a special meeting on February 13 to vote the warrant article.
- III. **Assumption of Debt:** C. Greene reviewed the finances for the \$850,000 bond that would be taken out by the district, and how reimbursement and distribution of costs would result in much smaller actual debts to the two towns, and they would not need to begin paying them until FY 17.
- IV. **School Committee to Select Boards:** M. Schiek recommended that the School Committee meet before the select boards to fully explain the number on the warrant article.

## 8) Present Building Issue Update

- I. **Recent Cold/Issues:** The school building had issues with exhaust fans and cold air entering the school during the cold snap. The four boilers were running at full tilt 16 hours a day and the school remained 12 degrees below the target temperature, but maintenance kept things under control and at the coldest one classroom temperature fell to 52 degrees but was quickly brought up again. Cleaning of the choral room/orchestra had been completed.

**9) Other Business**

- I. **FAQs:** A complete and updated FAQ would be available at the upcoming outreach events.
- II. **Next Meeting:** 2/27/14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Greylock Meeting Room.

**10) Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn: R. Turbin. Second: P. Consolini. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dalena Frost, Minutes Recorder*