

Mount Greylock Regional School District Building Committee Meeting Minutes

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

February 27, 2014

Attendees: M. Schiek, P. Consolini, C. Greene, R. Ellis, C. Dodig, J. Goerlach, D. Backus, D. Vogel

Absent: A. Jezouit, J. Benzinger, T. Bartels, C. Taylor, R. Turbin, J. Wirtes, M. MacDonald, L. Bassett, L. Moors

1) Call to Order

M. Schiek called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes from 12/19/13 and 1/30/14 (see attached)

I. 12/19/13 Building Committee Open Minutes

Motion: C Greene. **Second:** J. Goerlach.

Amendment: Dalena would amend minutes to reflect accurate breakdown of costs, pending receipt of memo.

All in favor, pending amendment.

II. 1/30/14 Building Committee Open Minutes

Lacking a quorum, vote postponed to following meeting.

3) Public Comment

I. There were no guests in the audience present to comment.

4) Fire Curtain Update – M. Schiek

I. **Progress:** M. Schiek presented a summary update forwarded to him by J. Wirtes. Fire curtain abatement could be scheduled by the end of June into July. Current task was moving forward with design and scoping of project with Eco Genesis. The School Committee had approved the project pending status of budget. \$85,000 was determined to be best placeholder estimate. Possibility was raised of proceeding with only abatement if full project unable to be funded at this time.

5) Present Building Issues (recent cold, others) – M. Schiek

I. Heating the building on cold days posed a technical and financial problem. On a sub-zero day in January, used 65 gallons of fuel/hour, resulting in \$5,000 daily expense, compared to heating on more typical cold days (temps in 20s and 30s), which uses 50 gallons of fuel/hour resulting in \$3,100 daily expense. Bio classroom has a crack in the wall.

6) Community Outreach Update – P. Consolini

I. Had table and materials for public at the LES Family Math Night on February 27. Upcoming plans included meeting with LES and WES Principals Ellen Boshe and Joelle Brookner to form a plan for communication with families on a grade-by-grade basis, encourage hosting of local meetings (host not required to have full information, but would invite presentation of information by an informed member). Make plans to have a joint session with the Williamstown Finance Committee and Selectmen.

- II. D. Backus spoke on separate nature of Building Project and Regionalization – not connected. Building Project was related to a new middle/high school building, with no possibility for a PK-12 building. Regionalization was a matter of administrative/educational structure.

7) MSBA Needs Update

- I. **Enrollment Discussion:** MSBA's build number: 535. Factors to consider which could affect this number: Regionalization with Hancock/New Ashford. Higher tuition (closer to actual educational cost) to Hancock/New Ashford. Build for population of just Williamstown/Lanesborough resident students (enrollment number for this was currently under assessment by MSBA). Mt. Greylock needs to decide how it envisions itself functioning in the future in terms of size/enrollment/programming. "Enrollment drives programming; programming drives facility."
- II. **Maintenance Plan Update:** J. Wirtes had provided info to L. Bassett that she was compiling in order to present to MSBA. Very complex and comprehensive plan. Discussion around emphasis of plan – current practices or future goals, how to strike balance. Would call Diane Sullivan for clarification on MSBA's evaluative criteria.
- III. **Other MSBA Business:** Next steps: Certify enrollment. Look at educational programming. Follow up with historic data for Lanesborough and Williamstown that can be used to run data analysis for both towns.

8) Other Business

- I. **Selectboard Meeting:** March 12 or 19 at LES. Details to come.
- II. **Enrollment Meeting:** (With Lanesborough, Williamstown, New Ashford, Hancock). Would likely be held in Lanesborough, tentative date: March 27.
- III. **Water:** The Selectboard took a vote to send a letter to the district about having a water line extended to the high school. MSBA had an 8% cap on site reimbursement for building project, so would not pay for storage tower or water line.

9) Next Meeting – April 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. Due to date of Enrollment Meeting, Building Committee Meeting date was rescheduled for: **April 3, 2014 in the Mt. Greylock Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.**

10) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: P. Consolini. Second: J. Goerlach. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dalena Frost, Minutes Recorder