

## Mount Greylock Regional School District Building Committee Meeting Minutes

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

May 1, 2014

Attendees: M. Schiek, P. Consolini, C. Greene, D. Backus, J. Wirtes, M. MacDonald, T. Bartels,  
L. Bassett, D. Vogel. *Late arrivals:* R. Turbin, J. Goerlach  
Absent: C. Dodig, R. Ellis, L. Moors, W. Stevens, J. Benzinger

### 1) Call to Order

M. Schiek called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### 2) Approval of Minutes from 1/30/13 and 2/27/14 (see attached)

#### I. 1/30/13 Building Committee Open Minutes

**Motion:** C Greene. **Second:** L. Bassett.

**VOTE: All in favor**, motion passes. **Abstentions:** T. Bartels, D. Vogel.

#### II. 4/3/14 Building Committee Open Minutes

Lacking a quorum, voting on the 4/3/14 minutes was postponed until the following meeting.

### 3) Public Comment

I. No public comments.

### 4) Enrollment Certification

#### I. ***MGRSD School Committee Meeting 4/15 Update – C. Greene***

- i. Although the School Building Committee had voted 11 to 1 in favor of the enrollment number of 535, the School Committee had voted in favor of a Study Enrollment.
- ii. Discussion of the ramifications of holding a Study Enrollment at this time, when Mt. Greylock was in fact locked in to a tuition agreement with the towns of New Ashford and Hancock, and obligated to accept the choice students coming up from the two elementary schools. Therefore it would not be able to move forward with an enrollment number of 450. C. Greene stated that the number, originally requested by the Lanesborough Selectmen, had been relevant at the time but was now “symbolic.”
- iii. The School Committee would have the opportunity to revote the enrollment issue at a subsequent meeting if they chose to do so. [*R. Turbin entered the meeting.*]

#### II. ***Educational Committee Meeting 4/23 – Update by M. MacDonald***

- i. Revisited the idea of educational policy and the fact that programming is meant to drive the enrollment and the building. Choice remained a “passionate subject” amongst community members and committee members.
- ii. Further discussion in SBC around feasibility of compromise, potential savings, impact of Hancock warrant article, DESE’s legal position on choice and the fact that the MSBA would not allow Mount Greylock to present an alternate number from that of 450 or 535.

#### III. ***Hancock Votes – May 5***

- i. DESE had agreed to delay certification in light of the warrant article in Hancock. Even if it were to pass, the decision to continue sending students to Mt. Greylock would lie with the Hancock School Committee.

**5) Maintenance Plan Update – J. Wirtes and L. Bassett (See attached)**

- I. The School Building Committee would still have the opportunity to enhance the Maintenance Plan by integrating feedback from the MSBA, gaining up to 2%+ additional reimbursement points. The actual number of points would be awarded later, possibly in a few months.

**6) Community Outreach**

**I. Recent Events**

- i. Presentation to the Williamstown Selectmen by C. Greene and others was successful. The recording would be posted on Willinet and a copy distributed to Lanesborough to air. P. Consolini reported that there had been a series of successful home meetings and more would take place. Tabling venues included the upcoming Humane Race in Williamstown on Saturday. Request had been issued to members of the outreach committee to sign up for standouts at community venues: the post offices, the recycling center, the transfer station.

**II. Outreach PPT Presentation**

- i. Posted on the School Building Committee page of the Mt. Greylock website.

**III. Community Support**

- i. Has been positive. Question raised of whether Feasibility Study could be financed through outside funding (such as from Williams College). Answer: The MSBA position was that this would be considered third party funding and not reimbursable, which C. Greene reported would significantly increase the apportionment to the towns. This was now included on the FAQ.

**IV. Upcoming Town Meetings**

- i. May 20<sup>th</sup> in Williamstown and June 10<sup>th</sup> in Lanesborough. M. Schiek and C. Greene had discussed the importance of the Feasibility Study with Anne Skinner, Leader of the League of Women Voters in Williamstown. C. Greene would explain language around motion in Williamstown, M. Schiek would explain in Lanesborough. Reimbursement rate was at 53.32%. [*J. Goerlach entered the meeting.*]

**7) Other Business**

- I. No other business.

**8) Next Meeting**

**Thursday, May 29, 2014** in the Mt. Greylock Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 19, 2014** in the Mt. Greylock Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.

**9) Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn: D. Vogel. Second: D. Backus. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dalena Frost, Minutes Recorder*