

Mount Greylock Regional School District Building Committee
Minutes of Meeting of November 14, 2005

Members present: Irene Addison, Ann McCallum, Thomas Bartels, Jack Hickey, Nat Karns, Andy Hogeland, Lyndon Moors, Bob Ericson, Beth Goodman

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Building Committee Meetings held November 1, 7, and 8, 2005 were read and approved. (The November 7 & 8 meetings were devoted to interviews with the final four candidate firms.)

The committee members discussed at length the results of many inquiries they made into the references of Dore & Whittier, and Drummet, Rosane, Anderson (DRA), and their impressions of these firms, as well as the Margo Jones Architects (MJA) firm.

Dore and Whittier had the strongest presentation, but one of their project leads had been unable to attend. They were involved with the Williamstown school assessment and feasibility studies, but MJA did the design. DRA had a good presentation, but there was concern over some references. MJA did an excellent job on the new Williamstown school, but was considered weaker on resources and approach. After much discussion of the pros and cons of each firm each member of the committee ranked the three firms: 1 = first choice, 3 = last choice. The ranking totals were as follows (low score is best):

- (12) Dore & Whittier
- (18) Margo Jones Associates
- (24) DRA

The Building Committee agreed to recommend to the School Committee that Dore & Whittier be awarded the feasibility study contract. Andy Hogeland agreed to tell the School Committee that we had ranked of the top three firms, and had reached a recommendation, and to ask the school committee approve the recommendation.

Assuming School Committee endorsement of our recommendation, the following Building Committee meetings were scheduled to get the feasibility study effort started:

Monday November 21, 2005 at 6:00 – focus meeting with Dore & Whittier
Monday November 28, 2005 – committee members to split and brief Lanesborough and Williamstown Selectmen on our approach

An additional question and discussion was raised: What is the possible impact to the impending Building Committee feasibility study of the separate School Committee study of school district regionalization?

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Robert Ericson