

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LANESBOROUGH - WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Mount Greylock Regional School Committee
Tuesday, November 8, 2005
7:00 P.M.

The One Thousand Seventeenth meeting of the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, in the Bruce R. Carlson Library of Mount Greylock Regional High School, 1781 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, MA.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Archibald	Dr. Travis	Kejia Tang
Mr. Kapiloff	Mr. Amuso	Mr. /Mrs. Tang
Mr. Langston	Mr. Payne	Ms. Goodman
Mr. O'Brien	Ms. Kaiser	Mr. Hogeland
Mr. Petricca	Ms. Manners	Teachers
Mr. Tinkham		Parents
Ms. White		Students
		Mr. Dushaney -TV cameraman

I. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Petricca.

II. Approval of Warrants

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2005

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Ms. White to approve the Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2005, as written.

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IV. Agenda Requests from Attendees - None

A. Parking Lot List

. Next meeting of the Regional K-12 Consolidation will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

. Mr. Petricca and Mr. Amuso have not met to discuss Hancock Tuition Payments and a Policy on Late Tuition Payments

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V. Superintendent's Award Presentation

- . Presentation of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Certificate for Academic Excellence to Kejia Tang.

Dr. William Travis, Superintendent of Schools, awarded the certificate and explained, "This certificate is given to the senior student who combines scholarship, leadership, service and character. The school's mission is to develop responsible citizenship in students, and Kejia displays all of the qualities of a responsible citizen, doing so to an exceptional degree."

Kejia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaohua Tang of 140 Longview Terrace, Williamstown, has excelled academically while being very active in co-curricular activities. He ranks #1 in class, is a semifinalist of National Merit Scholarship, an AP scholar with Distinction. Kejia has also taken courses at Williams College during the last two years. He has been very active in music, participating as First Violinist in the Massachusetts Western District Senior Festival Orchestra, the Tanglewood Institute for Young Artist Piano Program, Concert master of Mt. Greylock's orchestra, and a member of the chorus and musicals.

Kejia received the U.S. Residential Freedom Award, is President of the Student Council, Editor in Chief of the school newspaper, and active in community service through the Christian Church Youth Group. Kejia has been accepted at Harvard University in Boston.

VI. Agenda Requests from Student Advisory Council - None

VII. Public Comments

1. Rose-Marie Pelletier, President of the Mount Greylock Educators Association, read a statement concerning negotiations to the School Committee.

[Attached Addendum #1.]

2. Evan Dethier narrated the WilliNet show that was aired on October 14, 2005. It featured MG sports - football, soccer, cross-country runners----JCL activities, and the Senior Project.

Mr. Tinkham again indicated the need to get the programming--WilliNet and School Committee meetings--to Lanesborough residents.

VIII. Questions & Suggestions - None

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IX. Financial Report - Mr. Amuso

Mr. Amuso presented a budget report on encumbered funds to the School Committee for their review and comments.

Discussion:

- . Social Studies Instruction
- . Transfer of funds
- . Classification of FTE's
- . Utility costs are increasing
- . Rebidding of Fuel Oil Contract
- . E & D funds
- . Auditors - report due January 2006
- . Financial sub-committee to meet

X. Reports

A. Accolades - October 11, 2005

- . Thank you to Rachel Daniels for more than 40 years of service to Mt. Greylock,

[including Williamstown High School]. She has retired as Treasurer of the District, effective October 2005.
- . Thank you to Otto Wied for his maintenance of the Greenhouse, including a summer reorganization and clean-up
- . Beth Nesbit and her work in the College Career Center
- . Students from the Student Council and JCL who acted as guides during open house events this fall
- . Laura Wagner, Williams College junior, overseeing Greylock/Williams tutoring program; twenty-three Williams College students are involved
- . John Elder, a senior, IT technician involved with technical support for faculty, school committee and student productions, JavaJive, Get Acquainted Concert, dramas and musicals; and Ray Dushaney for training student technicians
- . Thank you to Micah Couture and Karen Rondeau-Brigham for their cards and visits to the administrative offices
- . Student Council members sponsored the donation collection for Hurricane Katrina relief
- . Several students who helped in the Pittsfield postal office pantry food drive

B. Accolades - November 8, 2005

- . Thank you to Trudy Ames, Blair Dils and Liza Barrett for the Slam Poetry

Event

Bringing Taylor Mali to Mt. Greylock

- . Thank you to Marjorie Keeley and JCL for hosting and competing in the most

recent competition, and winning significant awards in many categories
. Ray Miro published a wrestling technique article in the USA Wrestling

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- . Evan Dethier for putting together the first local school TV program which aired on Channel 17 and WilliNet
- . Thank you to Jim Schultz for filming and editing for broadcast on WilliNet the weekly MG football games
- . To John MacDonald for the donation of a digital camera
- . Congratulations to Girls' Soccer, Girls' and Boys' X-C running teams for making it into post-season competition
- . Thank you to the Clark Art Institute for the offer of an up-right piano; and to Lyndon Moors for follow-up
- . To Ouisa Fohrhaltz, Marlene Walt and Lyndon Moors for conducting the Get Acquainted Concert
- . Thank you to the grade 8 team teachers for hosting grade 6 students coming for a Shakespeare and Company Performance and lunch
- . Performances of Shakespeare & Company "Much Ado about Nothing" 11/09 and 11/10/05
- . Community Visitors' Days - November 14, 15, 16

C. Student Assessment Report - moved to next meeting November 15, 2005

D. Gap Fund Report

- . Mr. Amuso has met with the Gap Fund people
- . Gap Fund still holding funds of \$16,028

It was moved by Mr. Langston and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to move the Gap Funds of \$16,028 to the student activities account.

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E. Building Committee - Mr. Hogeland

- . Feasibility study of school
- . Nine proposals submitted
- . Interviewed four architectural firms on November 7th and 8th, 2005
- . Recommendation to Committee at next meeting of November 15th
- . Copies of proposals and rankings will be available
- . Williams College study
- . \$35,000 contract for firm
- . Sub-committee - great people to work with

F. Policy Manual Update

- . Criminal History Systems Board's CORI requirements
- . CORI Policy not in Policy Manual
- . Staff Handbook and Student Handbook Reference CORI
- . Mt Greylock has been conducting CORI checks on all employees, and persons who have contact with our students since its inception

XI. Discussion Item

A. Water Issue - Ms. Goodman

- . Water choices - to connect to the Northern Berkshire Healthcare Water System or the Clark well #2
- . NBHS can guarantee a water supply only for four (4) years
- . DEP water sampling - approval of well #2
- . School's water needs - approximately 8,000 gallons per day
- . Water tank would be 10,000 gallon capacity
- . Water softener
- . Pot-hole funds
- . Bids - estimates
- . Hiring of a consultant engineer to design well

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Ms. White to take his motion off the table, which was to sever all ties with the Northern Berkshire Health Systems.

NO VOTE CALLED ON MOTION

Mr. Hogeland stated it would be better to thank them for offering to help the school; their services might be needed in the future.

It was moved by Mr. Langston and seconded by Mr. Archibald to accept the proposal of the Clark Well #2, and proceed to develop the well and hire an engineer consultant.

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XII. Action Items

A. CORI Policy

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Mr. Archibald to consider the previous discussion as a first reading of the CORI policy.

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XIII. Other Business

- A. Goals - for discussion at the November 15, 2005 meeting

XIV. Administrative Reports

A. Emergency Response Drill - Mr. Payne

- . Response Team of last year
 - . Mr. Payne and Ms. Kaiser are facilitators
 - . Lock-down and fire drill procedures
- Mr. Langston stated this topic should not be discussed in open session, but consider it as a confidential issue to be discussed in Executive Session. Discussion to be held at the Executive Session of November 15, 2005.

B. Middle School Enrichment Proposal

- . Ventures in Learning proposal
- . Williams College to underwrite program
- . Program by Williams College students
- . 100 percent supported by Middle School faculty
- . Survey of student interests
- . Program in April
- . Fee will be charged for supplies

XV. School Committee Comments & Observations

- . Mr. Tinkham raised the issue of minutes of passing time between classes
- . Ms. Kaiser replied a "scientific study" had been done by Mr. Belouin - passing time was sufficient - it was the socializing that took the extra time

XVI. Time, Place and Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruce R. Carlson Library of Mount Greylock Regional High School, 1781 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, MA.

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XVII. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Mr. Langston to enter Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing items of negotiation.

Mr. Archibald, Mr. Kapiloff, Mr. Langston, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Petricca, Mr. Tinkham, and Ms. White voted in the affirmative.

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XVIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Langston and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

William D. Travis
District Secretary

Joan U. Manners
District Recorder Pro Tem