

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LANESBOROUGH - WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Mount Greylock Regional School Committee
Tuesday, February 1, 2005
7:00 P.M.

The ONE THOUSANDTH meeting of the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee was held on Tuesday, February 1, 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. Piechota	Mr. Murray
Mr. Kapiloff	Ms. Mellor	Ms. Murray
Mr. Langston	Ms. Manners	Mr. Iannitelli
Mr. O'Brien		Mr. Burdick
Mr. Petricca		Students
Mr. Tinkham		Parents
Ms. White		Press
		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 – None
- IV. Agenda Requests from Attendees - None
- V. Agenda Requests from Student Advisory Council – None
- VI. Public Comments – None
- VII. Questions & Suggestions – None
- VIII. Financial Report – None
- IX. Reports
 - A. Superintendent Piechota read list of accolades:
HATS OFF TO:
 - . The Superintendent Search Committee for dedicating many hours of interviewing semi-finalist candidates, and recommending three finalists to the School Committee
 - . PTO presidents Anne Hogeland and Lisa Hiley who have dedicated themselves to increasing parent involvement in the school
 - . Congratulations on the concert “Mount Greylock from the Top” to benefit the orchestra program.

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- . Debora Cole-Duffy, Lynda Araoz and Lynn Penna who leant their efforts to developing a district emergency response plan
- . Marti Mellor, who announced her intention to retire at the end of this school year. Ms. Mellor has been Business Manager for seventeen years

Chairman Petricca said Hats Off to:

- . Dr. William Travis for being appointed to the superintendency of Mount Greylock, effective July 1, 2005
- . Mark Piechota and Pat Evans for being published in the December 2004 issue of *Perspectives*, an ASCD publication. Their article is entitled "An Inquiring Mind: Placing Questioning at the Center of Civics Education."

X. Discussion Items

A. NEASC Accreditation Visit – Susan and Thomas Murray, Co-Chairs

- . NEASC visiting team at Mount Greylock May 1 to May 4, 2005
- . The Team will meet with the School Committee on May 1 at 3:00 pm in the Library
- . Schedule of the visiting team
- . Interviews with teachers and staff
- . Visiting classrooms
- . Shadowing of students
- . Changes in the evaluation process
- . Show we are doing what we are saying
- . It is an intense process
- . Preliminary report
- . MG observations
- . Final Report to NEASC
- . MG responses
- . NEASC issues Final Report by December, 2005

XI. Action Items

A. Policy #5680.1 Health Graduation Requirement – Second Reading

Beginning with the Class of 2006, the graduation requirement will be for students to pass the MCAS tests and earn a total of 234 credits.

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve Policy #5680.1 as recommended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Science Curriculum Sequence – Mr. Iannitelli and Mr. Burdick, Science Teachers

- . Science Department proposal

. Sequence of science courses
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- . No affect on the science budget
- . Have enough texts
- . Articulates better with the Science Frameworks
- . Student and parent opinion of sequence
- . Changing education for all students
- . Topic is in need of more discussion

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Mr. Archibald to approve the Science Department's proposal as presented.

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

Ms. White voted in the negative MOTION CARRIED 6-1-0

C. Horizontal Movement on Salary Scale

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Ms. White to approve the AP plan of Susan Strizzi to move along the AP columns of the salary schedule.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XI. Other Business – None

XII. Administrative Reports – None

XIII. School Committee Comments and Observations

- . Senior Project – papers due on April 4th
- . Directed Study
- . Unscheduled seniors - five teachers to work with Senior Project students under an extended contract
- . FY 2005 Budget discussion
- . School Committee votes on bottom line
- . Statutory authority over line items
- . Town of Lenox budget format
- . Print-out of this year's budget
- . Enrollment figures
- . Loss of students to private schools
- . Competitive bidding for Auditor
- . Water situation
- . Building Committee appointments
- . Put items on "Parking Lot" list

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Mr. Langston to seek quotes from Auditor firms for an independent audit of the year ended June 30, 2005.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XV. Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bruce R. Carlson Library of Mount Greylock Regional High School, 1781 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, MA

XVI. 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 matters pertaining to collective bargaining.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The School Committee returned to open session at 10:25 p.m., no action being taken.

XVI. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Tinkham and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted:

Mark M. Piechota
District Secretary

Joan U. Manners
District Recorder