

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
January 20, 2016**

MINUTES

**Present: Mr. Raymond Andrews, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque,
Mrs. Donna Forand, Mr. Donald Foster, Mr. Michael Gagliardi,
Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. Paul Guilbeault, Mr. David Hughes,
Mr. Gary Mansfield, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mr. Donald Williams,
Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz**

**Also: Mrs. Karen Guenette, Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant
Principal/Vocational Coordinator; Ms. Krystla Fay, Special Services
Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager; Mrs. Rosemarie
Canessa, District Committee Secretary; Mr. Dylan Picariello,
Chairperson, Student Advisory Committee to District Committee**

**Guests: Mr. Kevin Gonsalves, Old Colony Mathematics Instructor
Mrs. Maria Szymanski, Old Colony Clerical Staff
Ms. Eileen Reece, Old Colony Clerical Staff
Mrs. Debra Smith, Old Colony Clerical Staff
Ms. Nancy Souza, Mattapoisett
Ms. Jasmyne Dias, Old Colony Student, Freetown
Mrs. Noemi Dias, Parent, Freetown**

Vice Chairman David Hughes called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mrs. Guenette introduced Jasmyne Dias (Freetown) as the recipient of the Prudential Spirit Certificate of Achievement. Jasmyne, a Graphics student, is second in her class. Mrs. Guenette stated that Jasmyne received the award based on all her hours of volunteering at her church.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mr. Paul Guilbeault, it was unanimously

Voted: To accept the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. Donald Foster, it was unanimously

Voted: To accept the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Executive Session meeting.

Mrs. Bourque inquired when transfers would be made.

Mrs. Griffith stated that she would have them done for the next meeting.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Maurice St. Amand and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Bourque, it was unanimously

Voted: To accept the minutes of the December 9, 2015 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Warrants were available for review.

Mr. Gagliardi stated that Superintendent Cote's evaluation was completed. He stated that the incorrect forms had been corrected and the new numbers reflected the changes.

Mr. Gagliardi stated that he feels that all the committee members should make at least one comment on Superintendent Cote's next evaluation.

On a motion duly made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. Donald Foster, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve and overnight (March 9, 10 & 11, 2016) travel to the Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis, MA by the student council for the Annual Leadership Conference.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mr. Gary Mansfield, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve a drama club revolving account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

Mrs. Guenette stated that the drama would be presenting a play called Café Murder and it will be presented on March 18, 2016.

Mr. Foster inquired if the play could be videoed for cable. Mrs. Guenette stated that it would.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Maurice St. Amand and seconded by Mr. Gary Mansfield, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve a student activity Class of 2018 tips cosmetology account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 47.

Mr. Hughes recommended to the District Committee that during Superintendent Cote's absence, Mrs. Guenette be appointed as acting Superintendent.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mr. Paul Guilbeault, it was unanimously

Voted: To appoint Mrs. Karen Guenette as acting Superintendent during Mr. Cote's absence.

Mr. St. Amand updated the committee on the status of the FY17 budget. He stated that the FY17 budget is \$11,274,641.00, a 4.98% increase over the FY16 budget.

Mr. St. Amand explained that health insurance increases and contractual salary increases are the major part of the budget increase.

Mrs. Forand asked for an explanation of the CVTE Grad Follow-Up Report.

Mrs. Machamer explained that the report tracks where graduates are in their careers one year after graduation. She stated that it is a self-reporting follow-up by faculty and letters mailed to the graduates.

Mr. Gagliardi congratulated the students who won awards.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Michael Gagliardi and seconded by Mr. Donald Foster, it was unanimously

Voted: To send letters of congratulations from the school committee to the winners of the MVA Outstanding Technical Student, Walter J. Markham Award, MAVA/MVA Outstanding Technical Student, and the MVA Outstanding Non-Traditional Technical Student.

Mr. Zienkiewicz commended the staff and students of Old Colony on the 2015 School Report Card overview.

Mr. Gonsalves stated that Old Colony is a Level I school.

Mrs. Machamer informed the District Committee that Old Colony applied for a Partnership Grant for about \$90,000.00. The grant will be used to help support one-to-one infrastructure. The grant was written by Marcia Kessler.

Mrs. Guenette stated that the District has hired Mrs. Linda Deady as Academic Coordinator/Data Analyst. Mrs. Deady comes to Old Colony after many years at Southeastern Vocational and currently from Diman Vocational. Mrs. Deady will begin her position on February 1, 2016.

Mrs. Guenette stated that grants will continue to be written on a team basis.

Mr. Gonsalves inquired about a one-plus-one health insurance policy.

Mr. Andrews responded that a one plus one does not save any money, it actually increases the cost for the family member plan.

Mrs. Griffith stated that our carrier, Gateway, does not offer a one-plus-one policy.

Dylan Picariello updated the committee members on the status of the student advisory committee meetings.

He stated that the ninth graders will be assigned their shops this Friday, January 22nd.

He stated that the eleventh grade students appear to be doing quite well.

The 12th grade class just completed a \$1400 candle fundraiser. The senior prom is scheduled for May 27th, and the senior class trip to Six Flags is in the planning stages.

The Frosty Runner Road Race will be held Saturday, January 23rd.

Mrs. Guenette informed the committee that SkillsUSA School Awards were held today. Gold, silver, bronze, and honorable mention awards were given out. Winners will go on to the District Competition at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, and District winners will go on to the State competition.

The date of the March District Committee meeting will be set once the Budget Subcommittee is prepared to present the tentative FY2017 Operating & Maintenance Budget. (Anticipated date March 16th)

The next Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016 at 5 pm.

The Budget Subcommittee will meet again on February 10, 2016 at 5:30 pm and then with the member town Finance Committee representatives at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Canessa
District Committee Secretary

Mr. David Hughes, Vice-Chairman

Date