

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Tuesday
January 31, 2018**

**BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Present: Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Gary Mansfield, Mr. Maurice St. Amand

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Karen Guenette, Principal; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational Coordinator; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary

Absent: Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz

Mr. Polansky called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

Mrs. Griffith had prepared a draft assessment based on the Governor's figures that were released. Mrs. Griffith stated that Chapter 70 Aid was up about \$9,000.00. She added that the minimum local contribution went up slightly. Mrs. Griffith stated there was an overall increase of 3.23%

Mrs. Bourque recognized the \$3,000.00 decrease in Rochester's assessment.

Mr. Polansky stated that a Security Officer and JV Lacrosse Coach were struck from the budget.

Mr. Williams inquired about any savings with the bus company.

Mrs. Griffith stated they already cut a bus with the new contract and it would be difficult to cut another bus due to the amount of children being bused from the sending towns but that she would continue to work with First Student Bus Co. to explore all cost savings.

Mrs. Bourque posed the question to the subcommittee and asked if all the other members were comfortable with the numbers supplied to them.

Mr. Polansky stated this was a level service budget.

The Administration and Subcommittee discussed moving forward and the inclusion of the Finance Committees at the next meeting.

Mrs. Griffith stated she would present the Finance Committees with a breakdown of all the increases separating the fixed costs and instructional costs.

Mrs. Griffith extended an offer to meet with any Finance Committee Chairman prior to a full meeting to discuss any increases to their assessment.

Mr. Polansky asked the subcommittee if they had any questions for Mrs. Griffith. No other discussion was needed.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. FinCom members will be invited.

The next District Committee meetings will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium and Wednesday, March 28, 2018 for Public Hearing on FY'2019 Operating & Maintenance Budget at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz, Chairman

Date