

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
April 25, 2018**

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Bandzul, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. David Hughes, Mrs. Joanne Puskar, Mrs. Nancy Souza, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Justin Brodeur, Mr. Donald Foster, Mr. Gary Mansfield, Mr. Robert Marshall

Also: Mr. Aaron Polansky, Superintendent-Director, Mrs. Karen Guenette, Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational Coordinator; Ms. Linda Deady, Academic Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager;

Guests: Ms. Paula Rose, P.T.O. Member, E. Freetown

Mr. Bandzul called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Mr. Bandzul thanked Mr. Hughes for covering the last School Committee meeting for him.

Mr. Bandzul introduced and welcomed Mr. Robert Marshall from Lakeville. All members introduced themselves.

Mrs. Bourque stated Sharon Cruz will be appointed for Rochester and will attend the next meeting.

On motion duly made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. David Hughes, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the Consent Agenda a. through d.

Acceptance of minutes listed below:

March 28, 2018 District Committee minutes

March 28, 2018 Public Hearing District Committee minutes

March 28, 2018 Insurance Advisory minutes

March 29, 2018 Charter Review minutes

Mrs. Griffith discussed the Operating Statement and the adjustments made this month due to the contractual obligations and possible transfer from the contractual line item this year if there is an overage.

Mrs. Bourque voiced her concern regarding the substitute line item.

Mrs. Griffith explained the initial operating statement numbers were generated using the old substitute rate and had to be modified with the increase per day resulting in additional funding coming from other line items.

Mrs. Griffith stated she budgeted enough funding for the substitute line item for the 2018-2019 school year.

Warrants were made available for review.

There was discussion regarding not releasing the October 18, 2017 Executive Session minutes.

On motion duly made by Mr. David Hughes and seconded by Ms. Nancy Souza, it was unanimously

Voted: That the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee no longer regards the minutes of the following meeting as Executive Session:

September 7, 2016; September 21, 2016; September 26, 2017; October 18, 2016; October 19, 2016; December 12, 2016; December 20, 2016; January 18, 2017; March 7, 2017; March 23, 2017; April 4, 2017; April 25, 2017; April 27, 2017; May 10, 2017; May 16, 2017; June 8, 2017; June 21, 2017; July 6, 2017; July 19, 2017; July 26, 2017; August 2, 2017; September 5, 2017; September 19, 2017; September 28, 2017; October 23, 2017; November 7, 2017; November 14, 2017; December 5, 2017.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of seven hospital beds from Southcoast Health for our Health Careers Program.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of a Savin Copier from Julius Koch.

Mrs. Griffith thanked Mr. Gamache for the generous donation.

On a motion made by Mr. David Hughes and seconded by Mr. Robert Marshall, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the donation of a 2008 Toyota Prius from Toyota of Dartmouth.

Mr. Hughes suggested purchasing the hybrid tool set.

Mr. Polansky stated Mrs. Machamer is waiting to hear if she has received funding through a Capital Skills grant which would be used to purchase the tool set. If she does not receive funding, the tool set will be purchased through the budget.

Mrs. Bourque requested letters of thanks be sent for all donations.

Mr. Polansky discussed the collaboration with Bristol Community College and Greater New Bedford WIB and the offering of additional college courses to our students for a cost of \$250.00 per course. GNB WIB will pay for the first full course and any monies collected will start being saved for students in need of the course or books. This results in the need for a Student Activities account for the Old Colony Dual Enrollment Club.

Mr. Foster inquired about the location of the campus.

Mr. Polansky stated it would be held here, at Old Colony.

On a motion duly made by Mrs. Evelyn Bouley and seconded by Mr. Brodeur, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve a Student Activities account for the Old Colony Dual Enrollment Club.

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

Voted: To approve the sale or disposal of surplus property in accordance with District Policy NEPN Code DN as previously approved by the District School Committee.

Mr. Polansky discussed the evaluation process for the Superintendent-Director and the changes made to make the process more efficient.

Mr. Foster agreed the new process was more concrete and requests Mr. Polansky add a choice of “no basis”.

There was general discussion surrounding the new evaluation process.

Mr. Cassidy Spoke on behalf of the Charter Review Subcommittee and stated they are in the early stages of amending the agreement. Mr. Polansky stated Mrs. Griffith will become part of the conversations and the financial pieces.

Mr. Brodeur spoke on behalf of the Insurance Advisory Committee and stated they are redefining the mission to look at cost savings and lessening the burden on the budget.

There was general discussion regarding the important upcoming dates and events.

Mrs. Machamer discussed the Coordinated Program Review and the process outlining the three days of safety evaluation and two days of interviews and practices conducted by DESE members. Mrs. Machamer also discussed the report from DESE with the School Committee.

School Committee commended Mrs. Machamer for her efforts in the Vocational areas as well as the Academic areas.

Ms. Fay stated DESE representatives looked over the Special Education Programs, ELL, and Civil Rights resulting in minor concerns with no major issues.

Mr. Polansky referred to the LAUNCH Initiative handout for information.

Mr. Polansky, Ms. Deady and Mrs. Machamer spoke on the scheduling update, the inclusion of new electives and the scheduling challenges presented as a result of the new offerings.

Mrs. Guenette discussed the Principal’s Newsletter.

Mr. Polansky thanked Mrs. Marsha Davenport for her dedication and efforts with the OCTV initiative and the fantastic job she has done with it and the students.

Mr. Polansky recognized Mrs. Griffith for her continued efforts and hard work she displays while working on the budget. He recognized Ms. Fay for the work she did on putting together a quality package that DESE will be using as a model for other schools. Both were presented with a starfish.

Mr. Polansky recognized both Mrs. Guenette and Mrs. Machamer for all they have done for Old Colony and will continue to move the school in a forward direction in their absence.

There was general discussion regarding the upcoming Professional Development Activity, Annual MAVA Connecting for Success.

Mr. Polansky announced the photo of the School Committee will be re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018 and invited Mr. Mare to join them at the dinner.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. following the annual Reorganizational Dinner in the Cafetorium.

A roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and will resume open session District Committee meeting.

14 – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary

Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman

Date