

**OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**476 North Avenue  
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Thursday  
May 24, 2018**

**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Present: Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mrs. Joanne Puskar**

**Absent: Mr. Don Foster, Mr. Maurice St. Amand**

**Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Sarah Griffith,  
Business Manager; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary**

**Guest Mr. Stephen R. Hemman, Ed.D, Assistant Executive Director of  
Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools; Mr. Jay Barry Consultant  
Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools**

**Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.**

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

**On a motion duly made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. Stephen Cassidy, it  
was voted**

**To: Approve the April 26, 2018 Charter Review Subcommittee minutes.**

**Mr. Hemman began the meeting and discussed the next steps once the agreement had been  
amended by the subcommittee.**

**Mr. Polansky suggested having a meeting and inviting the Selectman or town  
representatives to review the amended agreement then once approved, the individual towns  
can send it to their Counsel.**

**Mr. Hemman discussed Section IV-Appportionment and Payment of Costs. There was  
general discussion regarding the additions and subtractions in that section and its  
subsections.**

**Mrs. Griffith was in approval of the new wording under those sections.**

**Mrs. Griffith discussed Section D-Operating Costs and Apportionment of Said Costs including the use of the Statutory method and a new assessment sheet that was provided by Mr. Hemman.**

**There was general discussion regarding the addition and deletion of information in all subsections of Section IV.**

**Mr. Hemman discussed Section V-Budget and went through each amendment along with grammatical and other errors.**

**There was general discussion regarding Section VI-Transportation, Section VII-Amendments and Section VIII-Admission of New Towns.**

**Mr. Hemman Discussed Section IX-Withdrawal Process of Member Towns From the District.**

**Mr. Polansky inquired about the withdrawal process and the requirement of a vote.**

**Mr. Hemman stated a majority vote by all the member towns.**

**There was general discussion about the withdrawal process between Mr. Hemman and the subcommittee as well as the other**

**Mr. Hemman discussed the order of the Regional Agreement and all were in agreement with the following order:**

- 1. Regional School District**
- 2. Location of Regional District Schools**
- 3. The Regional District School Committee**
- 4. Budget**
- 5. Apportionment and Payment of Costs**
- 6. Transportation**
- 7. Incurring of Debt**
- 8. Tuition Students**
- 9. Amendments**
- 10. Admission of New Towns**
- 11. Withdrawals**

**Mr. Hemman stated all four copies of the agreement need to be sent to the member towns to show the amendment process.**

**Mrs. Bourque suggested the final amended agreement be shared with the full school committee before presenting it to member towns. All subcommittee members were in agreement.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolene Costa  
District Committee Secretary**

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**Mr. Stephen J. Cassidy III, Chairman**

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**Date**