

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
January 18, 2017**

MINUTES

**Present: Mr. John Bandzul, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque,
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mr. Donald Foster, Mr. Michael Gagliardi,
Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. David Hughes, Mr. Gary Mansfield,
Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz**

Absent: Mrs. Donna Forand, Mr. Paul Guilbeault

**Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Karen Guenette,
Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational
Coordinator; Ms. Linda Deady, Academic Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah
Griffith, Business Manager; Mrs. Rosemarie Canessa, District Committee
Secretary; Ms. Savannah Lopes, Chairperson, Student Advisory Council
to District Committee**

**Guests: Ms. Deb Grassi, 1st District Governor, Rochester Lion's Club
Mr. John Mare', Old Colony Automotive Instructor
Ms. Nancy Souza, Mattapoissett
Mrs. Maria Szymanski, Old Colony Clerical Staff
Ms. Eileen Reece, Old Colony Clerical Staff
Ms. Vanessa Raymond, Old Colony Cosmetology Instructor**

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Mrs. Guenette welcomed John Mare', Old Colony Automotive Instructor and Ms. Deb
Grassi, 1st District Governor, Rochester Lion's Club.**

**Mrs. Guenette stated that Old Colony partners with the Rochester Lion's Club to provide
food baskets for needy families during the holiday season. She stated that Ms. Grassi and
Mr. Mare' are very involved with this project.**

Mrs. Guenette presented Ms. Grassi with a plaque of appreciation for all her efforts with the food basket project. Mr. Mare' was presented his plaque earlier at a staff meeting.

Mr. Polansky stated that Computer Recycling USA has donated a Dell Latitude lap top for a door prize give-away at our private screening of Star Wars: Rogue One that will take place on Saturday, January 21st at Flagship Cinemas in Wareham.

Mr. Hughes welcomed Superintendent Polansky to his first District School Committee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the November 16, 2016 District Committee 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 28, 2016 Policy Subcommittee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the November 30, 2016 District Committee 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 December 12, 2016 Negotiating Subcommittee Executive Session meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the December 20, 2016 Negotiating Subcommittee Executive Session meeting.

Warrants were available for review.

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

Voted: To approve an overnight (March 8, 9, & 10, 2017) 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. David Hughes and seconded by Mr. Maurice St. Amand, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve a Cosmetology Day Trip to the International Beauty Show in New York City, NY on March 14, 2017.

The Subcommittee and administration discussed the Narcan Policy and some changes in the language were recommended.

Mr. Bandzul recommended that the policy state that “In the event the school nurse is unavailable to administer naloxone, a properly trained individual may administer a maximum of 4 mg.”

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

Voted: To approve the amended District Narcan Policy.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Michael Gagliardi and seconded by Mr. David Hughes, 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.

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

Voted: To approve the appointment of Michelle Humphrey as the District School Nurse.

Mr. St. Amand reported that the FY18 budget process is moving along. He stated that health insurance increases and a new transportation contract are the major issues of the budget.

Mr. St. Amand stated that the Budget Subcommittee discussed preparing an article for town meetings for some of the District's larger needs.

Mr. Hughes stated that it was brought to his attention that the District School Committee should meet every month rather than every other month.

Mr. St. Amand stated that if the District Committee agrees to meet every month, they would only meet the months that school is in session, i.e. September through June.

Mrs. Bourque stated that the District's by-laws state that the School Committee meets every other month and it is also a District Policy.

Mr. Polansky stated that he will look into the matter of the School Committee meeting every month.

Ms. Savannah Lopes, Chairperson of the Student Advisory Council to the District Committee stated that the students met with Mrs. Guenette today.

The students discussed matters of interest and concern with Mrs. Guenette.

Mrs. Machamer reviewed the various student awards. She stated that the award recipients were selected by the faculty.

Mrs. Bourque inquired why the economically disadvantaged students are not tracked on the school report card.

Mrs. Guenette stated that when looking back at previous years, this data did not appear to be reported.

Mr. Polansky stated that the District is collaborating with GNBWIB through the Connecting Activities CVTE STEM Grant.

Mr. Polansky explained the Summer Discovery Program, which is a five day experience that will be offered to students entering grades 5-8 with options for career exploration, sports and recreation, and other opportunities. The program will be held from July 10-14, 2017.

Mr. Polansky discussed the Freshman Academy, which is three half days devoted to introducing our incoming freshmen to the Old Colony culture and what we stand for.

Mr. Polansky stated that the program will be staffed by members of the administrative team, volunteer teachers and staff, and Old Colony students.

Mr. Polansky stated that the District will conduct a one-day Freshman Orientation Program dedicated to students and parents to learn more about Old Colony.

Mr. Polansky informed the District Committee that on Saturday, March 11, 2017, Old Colony will welcome Temple Grandin, the world's most accomplished and well-known adult with autism.

Mr. Polansky stated that the funds earned from the \$25/per ticket will help to build a foundation for Old Colony.

The anticipated date of the March School Committee meeting is March 15, 2017 to present the tentative FY2018 Operating & Maintenance Budget.

A Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bandzul commended the Carpentry students for the construction of a table for the Town of Carver.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemarie Canessa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Chairman

Date