

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
March 22, 2017**

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. Stephen Cassidy,
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 Sienkiewicz

Absent: Mr. John Banzul

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Karen Guenette,
Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational
Coordinator; Ms. Krystla Fay, Special Services 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: Mr. Richard Iacobucci
Mr. Fred Underhill, Rochester
Mr. Kevin Gonsalves, Old Colony Mathematics Instructor
Ms. Nancy Souza, Mattapoisett
Mr. Kenneth Rezendes, First Student, Inc.
Ms. Margarita Alago, Reliable Bus Lines, Inc.
Mr. Anthony Savastano, Esq.

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.

Mr. Polansky discussed the organization of a 501c3 Educational Foundation.

**Mr. Polansky stated that former Superintendent-Director, Gary Brown, former School
Committee member, Fred Underhill, and District Treasurer, Eric Kinsherb will be on the
Board of Directors for the foundation.**

Mr. Iacobucci explained the laws and fees related to establishing a 501c3 Educational Foundation.

Mr. Iacobucci explained how funds will be raised for the foundation and how the funds will be used.

Mr. Polansky commended Mrs. Machamer on the successful obtaining of a MA Skills Capital grant for the District in the amount of \$362,860.00.

Mrs. Machamer stated that the grant funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Carpentry and Machine & Tool Technology shops.

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 January 11, 2017 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the January 18, 2017 District Committee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Executive Session 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 January 24, 2017 Policy Subcommittee 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 February 1, 2017 Budget Subcommittee 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 February 15, 2017 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Policy Subcommittee 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 March 1, 2017 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Negotiating Subcommittee meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Evaluation Subcommittee meeting.

Warrants were available for review.

Mr. St. Amand reviewed the preparation of the FY2018 budget. He stated that the budget process went very well and finance committee members that attended were on board with the District's budget.

Mr. St. Amand stated that the FY18 budget is a level services budget and the major increases are for health insurance and transportation.

Mr. St. Amand stated that Mrs. Griffith made some adjustments on the original budget figure because the transportation cost came in at a 10% increase as opposed to the original 20% increase included in the budget.

Mr. St. Amand stated that the FY18 budget represents a 2.35% increase.

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

Voted: To approve Old Colony's FY2017-2018 Tentative Operating and Maintenance Budget as follows:

1000	Administration	\$ 672,095.00
2000	Instruction	6,013,211.00
3000	Health/Student Activities/Athletics	506,959.00
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	830,238.00
5000	Fixed Charges	2,132,000.00
	Net School Spending	10,154,503.00
3300	Pupil Transportation	710,000.00
7000	Site, Building & Equipment	45,000.00
8000	Debt Service	500,000.00
	Other School Spending	1,255,802.00
	FY18 Proposed Total Budget	11,410,305.00
FY18 Estimated Revenue		
	Chapter 70 School Aide	3,205,104.00
	Transportation Aide	397,000.00
	Regional Transportation Fund	144,141.00
	Tuition Income	1,481,760.00
	Total Estimated Revenue	5,228,005.00
	Total Dollars Assessed to Member Towns	6,182,300.00

The District Committee will vote on the Final Operating & Maintenance Budget at a Public Hearing to be held on March 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Voted: To approve a field trip for the House & Mill Carpentry students to attend the Journal of Light Construction trade show on March 24, 2017 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of two (2) pedicure chairs, two (2) mannequins, airbrush makeup system, finger bowl warmer, and assorted cosmetology products from Mrs. Natalie Cassidy.

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

Voted: To approve a cooperative MIAA Hockey program with host Apponequet High School through the 2017-2018 school year.

Sarah Griffith, Business Manager, distributed a letter she prepared dated March 21, 2017, explaining the bid process for the bus transportation contract for 2018-2020, accompanied by her comparison of the packages from each bidder. The full packages were also available. Mrs. Griffith discussed the bid packages that had been submitted. She explained that Reliable's bid was unresponsive in several respects. For informational purposes (despite the unresponsive status of the Reliable bid), she explained her attempt to compare packages from First Student and Reliable Bus. Mrs. Griffith shared with the committee a comparison based upon her calculations using 2016-2017 route information. The District Committee members reviewed the bid information presented.

Don Foster asked the question, "Is Reliable Bus reliable?" The question was not answered.

Attorney Savastano requested the opportunity to speak on behalf of Reliable Bus Lines, Inc. Attorney Savastano expressed concern about the bid process and the handling of questions submitted prior to submission of bids.

On a motion duly made by Mr. David Hughes and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Bourque, it was voted 11-0-1

Voted: To award the transportation contract to First Student, Inc. for a three year agreement in the amount of \$2,215,176.00.

As the meeting proceeded, a request was made by Attorney Savastano to view the bids submitted. He did so at a table where Secretary Canessa was seated. At that time, Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz approached the table, viewed the bids, and returned to his seat. Upon returning to his seat, Mr. Zienkiewicz requested to go on record as changing his abstention to a vote in the affirmative resulting in a 12-0-0 vote to support the award to First Student.

Ms. Lopes stated that the students met with Mrs. Guenette to discuss some of the student's issues and concerns.

The next meeting and Public Hearing on the FY18 Budget is scheduled for March 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session and not resume the District Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing strategy for clerical contract negotiations.

12 – Yes

1 – Absent (J. Bandzul)

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Canessa
District Committee Secretary

Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Chairman

Date