

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770

Wednesday
September 23, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Bandzul, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque,
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mrs. Donna Forand, 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 Zienkiewicz

Absent: Mr. Ray Andrews

Also: Mr. Frank K. Cote', Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Karen Guenette,
Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational
Coordinator; Ms. Krystla Fay, Special Services Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah
Griffith; Business Manager; Mrs. Rosemarie Canessa, District Committee
Secretary; Mr. Dylan Picariello, Chairperson, Student Advisory Committee
to District Committee

Guests: Mr. Kevin Gonsalves, Mathematics Instructor, Old Colony
Ms. Nancy Souza, Mattapoisett
Mrs. Maria Szymanski, Old Colony Clerical Staff
Ms. Eileen Reece, Old Colony Clerical Staff

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

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

Mr. Cote' introduced new school committee member, Mrs. Donna Forand (Carver). Mrs. Forand will serve the District Committee through May 2017.

Mr. Dylan Picariello, Chairperson of the Student Advisory Committee to the School Committee was introduced. Dylan will serve on the District Committee through May 2016.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the following meetings:
August 10, 2015 Evaluation Subcommittee
August 19, 2015 District Committee

Mr. Hughes stated that at the July 22, 2015 District Committee meeting, they asked for a copy of the letter from District legal counsel regarding the matter of the summer hours for the clerical staff.

Mr. Cassidy responded that the response from District legal counsel was just received today.

Mr. Hughes requested that a copy of the letter be given to the clerical staff and school committee.

Mr. Gagliardi stated that he had been contacted by several of the committee members regarding the completion of the superintendent's evaluation.

He apologized for the confusion in the first paperwork that was mailed to them. He stated that new evaluation forms have been prepared and will be distributed this evening.

Mr. Gagliardi requested that the forms be returned by November 1, 2015 in order to have the superintendent's evaluation completed for the November 18, 2015 District Committee meeting.

Mr. Cote' informed the District Committee that he has not heard anything from the State Retirement Board regarding the payment due for state retirement employees. The District has not received a bill.

Mrs. Bourque inquired if Mr. Cote' has received any advice moving forward on the budget regarding this matter.

Mr. Cote' replied that he has not heard anything yet.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mr. John Bandzul, it was Voted: That the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee no longer regards the minutes of the following meeting as May 23, 2012 meeting as Executive Session:

13 – Yes

1 – Absent (R. Andrews)

1 – Abstain (D. Hughes)

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

Voted: To allow senior student Alexis Moreira who has had to move out of the District to complete her senior year at Old Colony.

Mrs. Griffith stated that a request has been received from the senior class to establish a school store.

Mrs. Guenette stated that this would be a class project for the seniors and it would be run by the students for the students. The money collected from sales would remain in a revolving account to be used to set up and stock the store.

Mr. Williams inquired what would be done with the profits generated by the store.

Mrs. Guenette responded that the money generated would be used to buy more inventory.

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

Voted: To approve a school store revolving account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

Ms. Fay reported that fifty-six students participated in the 2015 Summer Program.

Mrs. Machamer reported that during the past school year, sixty-five junior and senior students and seven Health Career intern students participated in the Cooperative Education Program at rates between \$9.00 to \$15.00/per hour. The top shops with the highest level of participation were Health Careers, Machine & Tool, Carpentry, and Metal Fabrication.

Mrs. Griffith stated that she will continue to utilize the MA state contracts to obtain the lowest pricing available for bread and milk.

The General Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to meet with the School Committee on Wednesday, October 7th at 6 pm in the library. The fall Advisory Board meeting will follow at 6:30 pm in the cafetorium.

Mrs. Griffith stated that with the large number of new hires, she is still evaluating the FY16 health insurance enrollment.

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Career Days will be held November 3, 4 & 5, 2015.

Parents' Night will be held on October 22, 2015.

The MASS/MASC Conference will be held on November 4-7, 2015.

Mrs. Bourque commended the administration on the medical emergency response plan.

Dylan Picariello read some comments from the minutes of the Student Advisory Committee to the District Committee. He stated that the students had some very positive comments about Old Colony.

Mr. Zienkiewicz stated that he feels that the school committee meeting every other month is not sufficient.

Mrs. Guenette stated that Old Colony is in compliance with all state graduating requirements. She stated that we are not in compliance with our graduating students getting into a four-year state university because they do not get four years of science.

Mr. Zienkiewicz stated that he feels the school committee should be involved with scheduling and programs offered to students.

Mrs. Machamer stated that she conducted a presentation to the school committee three years ago explaining what the administration has been doing over the past three years to meet all the state requirements.

The next District Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemarie Canessa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Chairman

Date