

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Tuesday
February 22, 2018**

**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Present: Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. Don Foster, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mrs. Joanne Puskar

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director;

**Guest: Mr. Stephen R. Hemman, Ed.D, Assistant Executive Director of
Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools
Nancy Souza, Mattapoisett**

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Mr. Polansky introduced Mr. Stephen R. Hemman, Assistant Executive Director from
Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools M.A.R.S.**

**Mr. Hemman discussed the M.A.R.S. consulting group and his history with the company
along with the role he plays.**

**There was general discussion regarding the current District Agreement and the process of
amending it.**

**Mr. Hemman presented the committee and those in attendance with a power point
presentation outlining the procedure to amend a regional agreement.**

**Mr. Hemman stated that amending the agreement does not open the entire agreement and
if the amendments fail the existing agreement is still in place.**

**Mr. Hemman discussed what needs to be addressed in the current district agreement and
the approval process involving the member towns and the Department of Education.**

**Mr. Hemman explained the procedure suggested by M.A.R.S for updating agreements. He
stated the agreement must be updated first to be in compliance and must get the
Department of Education's approval first. Once agreements have been approved by the**

Department of Education other additions to the agreement can be discussed and have to be unanimously agreed upon by member towns.

Mr. Hemman explained to the committee what the next steps will be moving forward and opened up the meeting for questions and further discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Stephen J. Cassidy III, Chairman

Date