

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Thursday
April 26, 2018**

**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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

Absent: Mrs. Joanne Puskar

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; 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 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Cassidy asked if anyone was recording the meeting.

Mr. Hemman requested that the minutes be approved from the last meeting dated March 29, 2018.

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

Voted: To approve March 29, 2018 Charter Review Subcommittee minutes

Mr. Hemman stated Section IV, Apportionment and Payment of Costs, will be discussed when Mrs. Griffith is available.

Mr. Cassidy would like the word “High” placed back into the title of the agreement.

Mr. Hemman agreed to keep the original title with “High” included.

Mrs. Bourque voiced her concern regarding the sequence of the agreement and suggested it be corrected prior to sending it to DESE for approval.

Mr. Hemman stated moving the current sequence prior to sending the agreement could pose a problem when the agreement goes to the legal department.

Mr. Foster suggested the subcommittee amend the agreement, move the paragraphs, and review the wording prior to sending the final agreement to DESE.

Mr. Barry suggested going through the revised agreement section by section with the new wording and changes made since the last meeting.

There was general discussion about Section I and the additions made in the Composition section.

There was general discussion about the Permanent Committee and including that the district will notify the member towns by March 15th when a School Committee Member's term is expiring.

There was general discussion about Vacancies including removing May 1 and adding the word "death" regarding vacancy.

There was general discussion about Organization and the policies versus agreement.

The Subcommittee members were all in agreement with the changes in Section II, Location of the Regional District School.

There was general discussion about Section III, Type of Regional School District, regarding correcting typos, the legal reference, and the inclusion of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School into the body of the paragraph.

There was general discussion about the changes and additions regarding Section V Tentative Operating and Maintenance Budget and Final Operating and Maintenance Budget.

The Subcommittee members were all in agreement regarding Section VI, Transportation.

There was general discussion about Section VII, Amendment regarding the votes and procedure.

Mr. Hemman began discussion on Section VIII, Admission of New Towns.

Mr. Hemman discussed the need to focus on how a member town enters the district regarding fees and to keep it consistent.

Mr. Hemman suggested using Christine Lynch's suggestion as the last sentence under Admissions of New Towns as well as adding Southshore's Agreement wording allowing the Committee the option of negotiating the amount of all costs which will be assessed to the new member town to be included in the District.

Mr. Hemman discussed Section IX, Withdrawal, and stated that the word liability had to be defined.

Mr. Hemman suggested replacing the current Old Colony Withdrawal Section with Southshore's wording excluding the two-thirds (2/3) vote and making it unanimous to approve withdrawal from the District.

There was a general discussion regarding Section X, Tuition Students. All Subcommittee members agreed to leave wording the same while deleting the last sentence.

All Subcommittee members agreed to delete Section XI, Fiscal Year.

All Subcommittee members agreed to delete Section XII, Quota of Pupils from Each Member Town. There was general discussion surrounding quotas, past practices and rank.

There was a general discussion about Section XIII, Incurring of Debt, Mr. Hemman suggested to site and follow the law under this section.

All subcommittee members agreed to delete Section XIV, Admission of Lakeville.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Stephen J. Cassidy III, Chairman

Date