

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
August 22, 2018**

**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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

Absent: Mrs. Joanne Puskar

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary

Guest Mr. Jay Barry Consultant Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Polansky discussed updates of the District Agreement made by the Subcommittee and MARS which were sent to DESE for review.

Mr. Barry explained the updated agreement was sent to Ms. Christine Lynch at DESE. He stated he and Ms. Lynch had been in communication discussing the agreement and she made changes prior to it being sent to DESE's legal department.

Mrs. Bourque stated the current changes were not what the Subcommittee had agreed upon during the last meeting.

Mr. Barry stated the new changes were suggested and made by Ms. Lynch and were not set in stone but were made to be in compliance and were language specific.

The Subcommittee and Mr. Barry went through the District Agreement and there was general discussion surrounding the changes suggested by Ms. Lynch.

Mr. St. Amand stated his concern regarding the deletion of Section XII Quota of Pupils from Each Member Town.

There was general discussion regarding the deletion of Section XII and the existence of the Admissions Policy.

Mr. Polansky stated the Admissions Policy should be the default and there should be consistency within the District Agreement regarding the Admissions Policy.

There was general discussion about the possibility of Freetown joining the District and the need to identify financial implications.

Mr. Barry suggested drafting a piece surrounding possible quota questions that may arise during the meeting with the sending Districts.

Mr. Barry stated he would communicate with Ms. Lynch regarding DESE's view on quotas in a District Agreement.

Mr. Barry reviewed the PowerPoint he prepared regarding the Proposed Changes to the Regional District Agreement which can be presented to the sending towns.

Mr. Foster suggested the first slide should indicate there is no financial implication or cost to the towns to update the District Agreement and to repeat that same sentiment at the end of the presentation.

The Subcommittee and Mr. Barry reviewed each slide that would be presented to the member towns.

Mr. Barry will add verbiage stating the Admissions Policy has State approval.

Mr. Foster stated the Subcommittee should have answers as to why the District Agreement was updated.

Mrs. Bourque stated it was suggested by Ms. Christine Lynch and State Auditors that all District Agreements completed prior to Education Reform should be reviewed and updated.

The Subcommittee agreed the next step should be to bring an updated clean copy of the District Agreement to the full School Committee for review.

The Subcommittee and Mr. Barry reviewed the next steps in the approval process for the Updated Regional Agreement.

Mr. Barry asked if there were any questions from the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. Stephen J. Cassidy III, Chairman

Date