

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
December 20, 2017**

MINUTES

**Present: Mr. John Banzdul, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque,
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mr. Michael Gagliardi, Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr.
David Hughes, Mrs. Joanne Puskar, Mrs. Nancy Souza, Mr. Maurice St.
Amand, Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz**

Absent: Mr. Paul Guilbeault, Mr. Donald Foster, Mr. Gary Mansfield

**Also: Mr. Aaron Polansky, Superintendent-Director, Mrs. Karen Guenette,
Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational
Coordinator; Ms. Linda Deady, Academic Coordinator; Ms. Krystla Fay,
Special Services Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager; Mrs.
Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary;**

**Guests: Ms. Elana Sargent, Old Colony Student, Lakeville
Mrs. Lisa Sargent, Lakeville**

Mr. Bandzul called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Mrs. Guenette recognized Ms. Elana Sargent and presented her with the Prudential Spirit Award. Mrs. Guenette shared Ms. Sargent's many accomplishments and a short biography with the School Committee Members.

Mr. Bandzul spoke to Ms. Sargent on behalf of the School Committee thanking her for dedication and perseverance.

Mr. Bandzul waived the reading of items listed on the Consent Agenda and a motion was made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. David Hughes, it was unanimously Voted: To approve the Consent Agenda a. through c.

**Acceptance of minutes listed below:
November 15, 2017 District Committee minutes**

**December 5, 2017 Executive Session Negotiating Subcommittee minutes
December 13, 2017 Budget Subcommittee minutes**

Warrants were made available for review.

Mrs. Bourque questioned an expense out of the baseball line item on the Operating Statement.

Mrs. Griffith explained that this may have been an error.

Mr. Bandzul addressed the School Committee members regarding the Teachers' Contract and discussed the major changes made during the negotiations.

Mr. Bandzul thanked the Negotiating Subcommittee for their hard work.

Mrs. Evelyn Bouley entered the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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

Voted: To ratify the contract between the Old Colony regional Vocational Technical High School District and the Teamsters Teachers Union Local 59 for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2020.

12 – Yes

1 – Abstention (Mr. Zienkiewicz)

Mr. Zienkiewicz addressed the School Committee Members and briefed them on the first Budget Subcommittee meeting that was held. He stated the members reviewed the budget report provided by Mrs. Griffith and will have discussion at the next meeting. He stated there will more productive discussion once they know how much money the school will be receiving from the State.

Mr. Polansky recognized and thanked Mrs. Machamer for her efforts in securing the AWS Foundation Welder Workforce Grant in the amount of \$22,180.50.

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

Voted: To approve the AWS Foundation Welder Workforce Grant in the amount of \$22,180.50.

Mr. Polansky spoke about the donations. Mrs. Machamer recognized Mr. Doug Sims for being actively involved in securing the donation of tools as well as Mr. Dennis Frates for helping secure the donations of Toyota Engines.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of \$1500.00 worth of tools from Toolbox Buzz to the House & Mill shop.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of five new Toyota engines from MassBay Community College.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of one new Toyota engine from Toyota of Dartmouth.

Mr. David Hughes suggested those who donated as well as the Instructors who helped secure the items receive a thank you letter for their efforts and kindness.

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

Voted: To approve Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology class to attend the Plumbers, Pipe Fitters, Service Technicians and Steamfitters Local Union Training Facility on March 13, 2018 in East Providence, RI.

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

Mr. Bandzul discussed the importance of assembling a subcommittee to explore the advantages and disadvantages of Freetown entering or not entering the district.

Mr. Polansky noted a building project is built to suit in-district student population. He also stated he applied for a Regionalization and Efficiency Grant which would cover the cost of a consultation for a “Freetown” study.

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

Voted: To establish a Freetown Study Subcommittee

Mr. Bandzul called a 5-minute caucus at 6:50 for committee members to discuss representation from their respective towns to serve on the committee.

Mr. Bandzul called the meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m.

Mr. Bandzul requested the name of the School Committee Member who will represent each town on the Freetown Study Subcommittee.

The members are as follows:

Town of Rochester	Mrs. Shirley Bourque
Town of Acushnet	Mr. Maurice St. Amand
Town of Mattapoisett	Mr. Stephen Cassidy
Town of Carver	Mrs. Joanne Puskar

Town of Lakeville will report back once they have all spoken. Mr. Zienkiewicz was the only representative from the Town of Lakeville in attendance.

Mr. Bandzul discussed the EF Tours 2019 Spain and Portugal Trip.

Mr. Bandzul addressed the Erin Taylor articles and how well written they were. It was brought to Mr. Bandzul’s attention that an Old Colony student, Zachary McMahon, was the writer.

The School Committee members suggested Mr. McMahon be recognized.

Mr. Bandzul discussed the A.L.I.C.E Program Overview and the Principal’s Newsletter commending Mrs. Guenette on both.

Mr. Bandzul requested that the Wednesday, January 17, 2018 School Committee meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Bandzul stated that the Freetown Study Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel and will resume open session District Committee meeting.

12 – Yes

3 – Absent – (D. Foster, G. Mansfield, P. Guilbeault)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman

Date

