

**OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**476 North Avenue  
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday  
January 16, 2019**

**DISTRICT MINUTES**

**Present: Mr. John Bandzul, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Ms. Nancy Souza, Mr. Donald Foster, Mrs. Sharon Cruz, Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. David Hughes, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Robert Marshall, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mr. Justin Brodeur, Mr. Gary Mansfield**

**Absent: Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mrs. Joanne Puskar**

**Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mr. J. Michael Parker, Principal; Mrs. Bethany Botelho, Vocational Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary; Mr. Zachariah O'Hare, Chairperson, Student Advisory Council to District Committee**

**Guests: Mr. Dennis Frates, Old Colony Automotive Instructor  
Ms. Catherine McCarthy, Acushnet  
Kathy O'Hare, Parent, Carver**

**Mr. Bandzul called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**The District Committee Chairman waived the reading of items listed on the Consent Agenda and a motion was made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. Robert Marshall, it was unanimously**

**Voted: To approve the Consent Agenda a. through f.**

**Acceptance of minutes listed below:**

**October 17, 2018 Executive Session minutes**

**October 17, 2018 Negotiating Subcommittee minutes**

**November 13, 2018 Charter Review Subcommittee minutes**

**November 14, 2018 District School Committee minutes**

**December 12, 2018 Budget Subcommittee minutes**

**On a motion duly made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. Robert Marshall, 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.**

**Mrs. Griffith was available to discuss the Operating Statement and warrants were available for review.**

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

**Voted: To approve an Adult Education Revolving Account in accordance with MGL Chapter 71 Section 71E, as amended by the Acts of 2016, Chapter 218.**

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

**Voted: To accept the anonymous donation of \$5,000.00 to the Old Colony Drama Club.**

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

**Voted: To amend policy JKAA per guidance from the DESE, resulting from our Coordinated Program Review, to ensure compliance with state regulations as part of our Corrective Action Plan.**

**Mr. Polansky recognized Dennis Frates for his hard work and presented the School Committee with a packet that highlighted the positive work that is being done. Mr. Polansky spoke about the weekly Alumni recognitions, the MSSADA dinner where Mr. Matthew Trahan will be honored and presented with the Athletic Director of the Year Award, and an article highlighting the Advanced Manufacturing grant that has been supported by Lt. Governor Polito and Governor Baker.**

**Mr. Maurice St. Amand discussed what took place at the Budget Subcommittee meeting in December and the next steps.**

**Mr. Polansky explained the Full Time Employee (FTE) handout to the School Committee.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the next steps regarding the Charter Review Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will be reviewing the legal recommendations from our Old Colony counsel after he reviews recommendations from town counsels. He stated a representative from**

**DESE will attend a meeting which will focus on the financial implications of Freetown entering the District vs. the status quo.**

**Mr. Justin Brodeur discussed the next steps regarding the Insurance Advisory Subcommittee and the search for the most competitive rates based upon the current health insurance plan.**

**Mr. Zachariah O' Hare reviewed the issues discussed with Principal Parker at the Student Advisory Council meeting.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed David Harrison's retirement as the Dean of Students this March. He stated an interim Dean of Students will be hired until the end of the year. Next year the title will be changes to Assistant Principal and the role will include more extensive responsibilities.**

**Mrs. Bourque requested a job description to be shared with the School Committee.**

**Mr. Polansky stated he would share it electronically at the conclusion of the School Committee meeting.**

**Mr. Polansky announced Mr. Robert Souza has been appointed as the new Facilities Director.**

**Mr. Polansky recognized Mr. Dennis Frates, Mr. John Mare, Mr. Scott Furtado and Mrs. Bethany Botelho for their hard work and contributions to the writing of a Skills Capital Grant requesting \$125,000.00 in competitive grant money.**

**Mr. Polansky spoke about the adult education courses being offered.**

**Mr. Polansky mentioned the Night to Remember event being held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside Grille by the Old Colony Educational Foundation.**

**Mr. Parker spoke about the Principal's Newsletter.**

**The Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library**

**The Charter Review Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.**

**The District Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolene Costa  
District Committee Secretary**

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**Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman**

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**Date**