

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
October 16, 2019**

DISTRICT MINUTES

Present: Mr. Justin Brodeur, Mr. Donald Williams, Mr. Don Foster, Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. David Hughes, Mr. John Bandzul, Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Ms. Evelyn Bouley, Mr. Gary Mansfield, Mrs. Joanne Puskar

Absent: Mrs. Nancy Souza, Mrs. Sharon Cruz, Mr. Robert Marshall, Mr. Stephen Cassidy III

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

**Guest: Alec Taylor, Student
Emma Jones, Student
Jessica Taylor, Parent**

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

All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Bandzul addressed the audience and asked if there was any public participation.

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. David Hughes it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the Consent Agenda a. through h.

Acceptance of minutes listed below:

May 14, 2019 Negotiating Subcommittee minutes

May 29, 2019 Negotiating Subcommittee minutes

June 18, 2019 Negotiating Subcommittee minutes

**July 24, 2019 Negotiating Subcommittee minutes
September 18, 2019 Negotiating Subcommittee minutes
September 18, 2019 District School Committee minutes
September 18, 2019 Executive Session minutes**

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 stated the warrants were available for review and asked if there was any discussion regarding the Operating Statement.

Mr. Polansky gave an overview of the new two year evaluation process for Superintendents. He explained that the committee has the option to evaluate the Superintendent using a one or two year model.

Mr. Polansky stated the suggestion of the Evaluation subcommittee was to continue with the one year summative evaluation with focus on a two focal areas in each of the four standards.

Mr. Polansky reviewed the Superintendent Evaluation packets created for the School Committee which highlighted his goals.

Mrs. Puskar entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mrs. Bourque voiced concern regarding Mr. Polansky's ambitious timeline for certain aspects of his goals to be completed.

Mrs. Bourque inquired about how many students fall under the memo shared by Mr. Polansky regarding Inter-District School Choice.

Mr. Polansky stated that Old Colony will reach out to sending districts to identify students who may fall under this umbrella.

Mr. Polansky shared the accountability data with the School Committee.

Mrs. Bourque inquired about math scores and asked about the changes made by the state and the impact this had on the scores.

Mr. Polansky stated last year was a new test and these scores will be used as a baseline for future testing and there could be no comparison between the two years of MCAS testing. He stated Old Colony received the maximum points for attendance and rigorous curriculum.

Mrs. Botelho stated she had a successful meeting with representatives from BCC during which time articulation agreements were renewed and expanded opportunities for further articulations were discussed.

Mr. Parker introduced Alec Taylor and Emma Jones who presented the School Committee with a slide show of the White Mountain Educational Experience.

The students fielded questions from School Committee members about their experience.

Ms. Victoria Hannon, the Student Representative, discussed the topics brought up with Mr. Parker at the Student Advisory meeting.

The topics were increasing senior privileges, Community Service projects in and outside of school, and recycling concerns within the building.

Mr. Parker stated the Student Advisory Group is made up of students from all grades and is pleased with the participation.

Mrs. Botelho discussed Vocational Exploration Activities and the visit to Ford Middle School in Acushnet and the positive reception from the families and students. Mr. Polansky commended Mrs. Botelho and Mr. Trahan for their work on High School Night.

Mrs. Botelho informed the School Committee that all the students from all the sending districts will be participating in hands on activities. She stated we will be hosting 102 6th graders from Ford Middle School in Acushnet during the STEM Event.

Mr. Parker discussed the Principal's Newsletter and the importance of getting the information out to parents.

Mr. Polansky commended Mr. Parker on his work on the Newsletter.

Mrs. Bourque inquired about the lights out on the athletic fields.

Mr. Parker stated there were some delays however they will be up soon.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m
Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman

Date