

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

**476 North Avenue  
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Thursday  
June 29, 2023**

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Present:** Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Mr. Stephen Lombard, Mr. Justin Brodeur, Mr. Robert Marshall, Mr. David Hughes, Mrs. Maureen Townsend, Mr. Michael Lorenzo, Mr. Brian Day, Mr. Christopher Plonka, Ms. Elizabeth Sulger, Mr. Neil Regis, Mr. Robert Field, Mr. Mark Townsend, Mr. Aaron Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mr. J. Michael Parker, Principal; Mr. Robert Souza, Facilities Director; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary

**Absent:** Mr. David Wojnar, Mr. Eldaro Amaral, Mrs. Debra Quin, Chief Scott Weigel, Mrs. Sarah Griffith

**Mrs. Bourque called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and named all those in attendance.**

**Mr. Polansky gave an update regarding the feasibility study votes at the Town Meetings and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication over the last few months while preparing for the Town Meetings.**

**Mr. Polansky reviewed the Feasibility Study Budget and shared the proposed allocation of the \$1,000,000 feasibility funds.**

**Mr. Polansky stated after having several conversations with MSBA and colleagues who have been through the feasibility study he came up with the following allocation:**

- **OPM - \$275,000**
- **Designer - \$700,000**
- **Site/Env - \$20,000**
- **Other – 5,000**
- **Total - \$1,000,000**

**Mr. Polansky asked the Building Committee Members if they had questions or feedback regarding the allocation of the funds.**

**Mrs. Bourque asked Mr. Regis if he could share his thoughts regarding the allocation.**

**Mr. Regis stated he believed the allocation of the funds seemed reasonable and shared his knowledge on projects he has worked on and the emphasis of the majority of the funds to be placed in the designer category.**

**Mr. Day inquired if the funds used in each category by the other school projects were the actuals or proposed funds used at the end of the project.**

**Mr. Polansky stated the numbers were supplied by MSBA and he can reach out to confirm if they were the actual funds paid out at the end of the project or the funds initially proposed during the feasibility study.**

**Mr. Polansky reviewed the Study Enrollment Certification presented to Old Colony by the MSBA which states with the proposed expansion of chapter 74 programming, Old Colony could enroll between 560-810 students.**

**There was discussion regarding those numbers and members agreed 810 would be too high and the more reasonable number would fall in between the range.**

**There was discussion regarding the movement of money between the categories once numbers are voted on and submitted to the MSBA.**

**Mr. Polansky stated he would ask about flexibility between categories and stated that until the RFP (Request for Proposal) goes out, there is flexibility but will confirm with MSBA tomorrow.**

**There was discussion surrounding regarding the vote on the allocation of the funds for the feasibility study and the ability to adjust them if needed.**

**Mr. Field inquired about the budget for Site/Env category due to the expansion of the septic system should the enrollment increase from the current 560 and if some money should be shifted to increase the amount in that category.**

**Mr. Regis stated he believed the septic can be pulled into the design category.**

**Mr. Polansky stated he will confirm with MSBA.**

**Mr. Polansky stated he will reach out to colleagues regarding the Other category and what they used those funds for.**

**Mr. Townsend suggested taking a vote to approve the allocated funds as presented and giving Mr. Polansky authority to move up to \$15,000 if needed.**

**Mr. Polansky asked the committee if they had other questions for MSBA besides the following:**

- **Ask MSBA about the “Other” category and what falls under that category**
- **Is flexibility limited to pre-RFP posting**

**Mr. Polansky stated he will be in touch with everyone tomorrow with answers to questions.**

**On a motion duly made by Mr. Mark Townsend and seconded by Mr. Michael Lorenc, it was**

**Voted: To approve the allocated funds as presented and authorize Mr. Aaron Polansky the authority to shift up to \$15,000 between categories if needed.**

**13 – Yes**

**1 – No (B. Day)**

**4 – Absent (S. Weigel, D. Quin, D. Wojnar, E. Amaral)**

**Mr. Lombard inquired about where a new school would be built.**

**Mr. Polansky stated at this point it has not been determined whether a new building, renovations to current building, or a combination of the two would be the solution. He shared what other schools have done.**

**Mr. Polansky introduced Mr. Stephen Lombard to the committee members as the new Mattapoissett Representative.**

**Mr. Brian Day inquired about a timeline before there is a shovel in the ground.**

**Both Mr. Polansky and Mr. Regis stated that sometime between 3.5 and 5 years is a realistic approximation.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolene Costa  
District Committee Secretary**

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**Mrs. Shirley Bourque, Chairman**

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**Date**