

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday
June 19, 2019**

DISTRICT MINUTES

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

Absent: Ms. Evelyn Bouley, Mr. Stephen Cassidy III

Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Ms. Krystla Fay, Special Services Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Griffith, Business Manager; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary

Guests: Mrs. Debra Levesque, Old Colony School Nurse

Mr. Hughes 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. Hughes turned the meeting over to Mr. Polansky.

Mr. Polansky addressed the audience and asked if there was any public participation or if anyone was recording the meeting.

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 d.

Acceptance of minutes listed below:

May 8, 2019 Evaluation Subcommittee minutes

May 15, 2019 District Committee minutes

June 5, 2019 Evaluation Subcommittee minutes

On a motion 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.

Warrants were available for review.

Mrs. Griffith was available to answer any questions regarding the operating Statement.

Mrs. Bourque inquired about the list of items requested by the Advisory Boards and if any of their requests could be honored.

Mrs. Bourque also inquired about athletic stipends and if they had all been paid or at least encumbered.

Mrs. Griffith supplied Mrs. Bourque with the answers to her inquiry.

Mrs. Bourque commended Mrs. Griffith on her hard work.

Mr. Polansky introduced and welcomed the new Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School nurse, Mrs. Debra Levesque.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Robert Marshall and seconded by Mr. Donald Foster, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve appointment of Debra Levesque, School Nurse, as recommended by the subcommittee of the School Committee.

On a motion made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mr. Gary Mansfield, it was unanimously

Voted: To increase the lunch price for students to \$3.25 effective July 1, 2019 per the Paid Lunch Equity Tool issued by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) to cover increasing costs of food, supplies, and labor.

Mrs. Griffith fielded questions regarding current lunch payment policy and if Old Colony provided breakfast as well as free and reduced lunches to students who qualify.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Robert Marshall and seconded by Mr. Donald Foster, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the donation of powdercoating services and all materials for the go-cart frame produced by the senior class in CADD donated by Tony Salgado of Powder Pro.

On a motion made by Mr. Gary Mansfield and seconded by Mr. Robert Marshall, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the donation of a windshield for the Cadillac training vehicle valued at +/- \$300.00 along with 2 hours of his time to hold a class on windshield installations from Jesse Fortes of JF Autoglass.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of various pieces of stock valued at +/- \$5,000.00 to the Machine & Tool Department.

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

Voted: To approve the donation of several items by Betsy Botelho on behalf of Bedford Garden's Nursing Home to the Health Career Department.

Ms. Souza updated the School Committee on the progress and the results of the Superintendent-Director's evaluation.

Ms. Souza reviewed the results pertaining to each section including performance standards and the overall summative result.

Ms. Souza reviewed Mr. Polansky's future goals and discussed items that the member of the School Committee would like to see Mr. Polansky set goals around cultural proficiency, tracking at risk students, and increased communication with staff and parents regarding their students beyond SchoolBrains and automated/computer generated correspondence.

Mr. Bandzul entered the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Ms. Souza discussed the District Improvement Plan and possibly including topics such as a certificate of biliteracy, staff and student wellness, MSBA project, family engagement, addition of shops and development of the SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council).

Ms. Souza asked the full committee if they believed the Evaluation of the Superintendent Director should be posted on the website as a public document.

Mr. Foster suggested in addition to the Evaluation there be an executive summary giving an overview of the evaluation due to the length.

Ms. Souza stated she will sit down with Mr. Polansky to create the executive summary and bring it back to the Subcommittee before bringing to the full School Committee.

Mr. Mansfield suggested the Executive Summary be sent out in packets for their review prior to the July meeting.

Ms. Souza stated between July and September the Superintendent-Director will prepare a self-assessment as part of the evaluation process.

Mrs. Bourque discussed the progress made by the Policy Subcommittee and stated there is another meeting schedule to continue working on the handbook.

Mr. Polansky discussed the progress of the District Agreement and commended Mrs. Costa for her efficiency and diligence in securing signatures and certified votes from member towns.

Mr. Polansky discussed the next steps once District Agreement is finalized and incorporating discussions regarding Freetown and conversations with current member towns and financial implications of Freetown joining the district.

Mr. Marshall requested to be a part of the meeting with member towns when financial impact is discussed and commended Mr. Polansky for the ease and transparency of the District Agreement amendment process.

There was concern regarding sharing information in a public meeting pertaining to Freetown.

There was discussion regarding the District Agreement being discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Polansky expressed comfort in public discussion and transparency with regard to the continued District Agreement discussions and addition of Freetown to the district.

Mr. Polansky discussed placement testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Polansky discussed Summer Discovery and the increase in registrations as well as the addition of another week.

New Student Orientation will be held August 21-22, 2019 for incoming Freshman and Sophomore transfer students.

Mr. Polansky discussed the Administrative Retreat taking place on August 12-13, 2019 and is currently working on a location and extended an invitation to the School Committee members to participate in District Improvement Planning. Information will be shared as plans are solidified.

Mr. Polansky stated all hiring for the 2019-2020 school year including new teachers and staff has been completed to date.

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 not to return open session District Committee meeting.

13 – Yes

2 – Absent – (E. Bouley, S. Cassidy III)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jolene Costa
District Committee Secretary**

Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman

Date

