

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

**476 North Avenue  
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday  
September 19, 2018**

**MINUTES**

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

**Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Bethany Botelho, Vocational Coordinator; Ms. Krystla Fay, Special Services Coordinator; Mrs. Catherine Tuccinardi, Academic Coordinator/Data Analyst; Mr. J. Michael Parker, Principal; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary**

**Guests: Ms. Kaisa Holloway Cripps, MassHire G N B Workforce Board  
Mr. Jay Barry, Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools  
Mrs. Paul Rose, E. Freetown P.T.O  
Mr. Phil Rose, E. Freetown P.T.O  
Mr. Dan Brush, Old Colony Electronics Instructor  
Mr. Rick Dutra, Old Colony Electronics Instructor  
Mr. Tyler Blanchette, Old Colony Student  
Mr. Austin DeSousa, Old Colony Student  
Mr. Chris Lambert, Old Colony Student  
Mr. Ryan Picewick, Old Colony Student**

**Mr. Bandzul called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

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

**Mr. Bandzul asked if there was any public participation.**

**Mr. Polansky introduced the new Academic Coordinator, Catherine Tuccinardi to the school committee.**

**Mr. Parker introduced Mr. Zachariah O'Hare, who will represent the student body as the Chairperson of the Student Advisory Committee.**

**Mr. Polansky recognized and thanked MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board for their continued financial support and collaboration with Old Colony on many programs. A plaque was then presented to Kaisa Holloway Cripps.**

**Mr. Polansky introduced Austin DeSousa, Christopher Lambert, Ryan Picewick and Tyler Blanchette, who are students in the Electronic Engineering Program. He commended them on their participation at the Lakeville Lions Club event and their outstanding representation of Old Colony.**

**The students presented the School Committee with a demonstration of a project they had worked on. Mr. Rick Dutra and Mr. Dan Brush spoke about the Electronics Engineering Program.**

**Mr. Bandzul inquired about 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 d.**

**Acceptance of minutes listed below:**

**July 18, 2018 District School Committee minutes**

**July 18, 2018 Executive Session minutes**

**July 18, 2018 Insurance Advisory minutes**

**August 22, 2018 Charter Review Subcommittee 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. Bandzul discussed establishing a subcommittee of no less than three school committee members for the purpose of on time signing of payroll warrants and accounts payable warrants to allow for the release of checks.**

**Mr. Bandzul recommended the Chairman, the assistant Treasurer and one outstanding committee member would make up the subcommittee.**

**There was general discussion surrounding the recommendation and all agreed the subcommittee would be comprised of Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mr. John Bandzul, and Mr. Richard Gamache .**

**On a motion duly made by Mr. David Hughes and seconded by Mr. Gary Mansfield, it was unanimously**

**Voted: To assign committee members to a warrant signing subcommittee.**

**On a motion duly made by Mr. David Hughes and seconded by Mr. Gary Mansfield it was unanimously**

**Voted: To approve appointment of Kimberly Costa, School Nurse as recommended by the subcommittee of the School Committee.**

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

**Voted: To approve the cosmetology field trip to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Next level Show in Providence, RI.**

**On a motion duly made by Mr. David Hughes and seconded by Mr. Gary Mansfield, it was unanimously**

**Voted: To approve the donation of a 1999 Dodge Dakota to the Automotive Technology Department.**

**Mr. Cassidy introduced Mr. Jay Barry from the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (M.A.R.S.) to provide the School Committee with an update and a PowerPoint presentation explaining the process and amendment of the Regional District Agreement.**

**There was general discussion surrounding the Regional District Agreement and the changes that have been made.**

**There was general discussion and questions regarding the striking of the quota language from the Regional District Agreement.**

**Mr. Bandzul stated there was a request for public participation.**

**Mr. Phil Rose from E. Freetown inquired about the maximum amount of seats Freetown students have and the likelihood of that number increasing if there are more seats available since they are not part of the district.**

**Mr. Polansky stated there can be no more than 90 Freetown students at the Freetown/Lakeville Superintendent request.**

**Mr. Barry stated the quota language has been deleted by Department of Education and replaced with Admission Policies.**

**Mr. Bandzul discussed the Open Meeting Law Trainings and the upcoming dates.**

**Ms. Fay discussed the Summer Regression and Summer Transition Programs.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the Summer Discovery, Administrative Retreat and New Student Induction Program.**

**Mr. Polansky was commended on the first day of school and the inclusion of the Commissioner of Education, Jeffrey C. Riley.**

**Mr. Parker spoke about the first day of school for students and Mr. O'Hare stated the students said it felt very inviting.**

**There was general discussion regarding the Fall Advisory Board Meeting and Dinner.**

**Mr. Polansky stated there is a Foundation event on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside Grille.**

**Mr. Bandzul recognized the Old Colony Athletic Department for being the recipient of the Walter J. Markham Award.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed winning the award and commended the Athletic Director, Matthew Trahan and staff. He also thanked the Rochester Selectman for their prompt response in allowing Old Colony to place signs in the town recognizing the achievement.**

**Mrs. Botelho discussed Cooperative Education and the process surrounding placing students and site visits.**

**The new staff appointments were shared with the Committee. Mrs. Bourque inquired about the school physician. Mr. Polansky is currently looking at all the options.**

**Mr. Polansky provide the Committee with a LAUNCH update and the facilitation of Management 101 held at Old Colony on Tuesday evenings.**

**There was general discussion regarding the Johnson & Wales early College Initiative.**

**Mr. Donald Foster commended the Maintenance/Facilities Staff on the summer projects that were completed.**

**The Committee was given information on the enrollment numbers as of August 28, 2018.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the upcoming admissions initiatives including the tour dates and STEM Event.**

**Mr. Parker discussed the Open House approach for the upcoming Parent's Night showcasing student schedules and meeting the teachers.**

**Mrs. Puskar inquired about a set time in the evening for parents to meet with teachers regarding their students.**

**Mr. Bandzul stated there was public participation.**

**Mr. Phil Rose stated there is a P.T.O event featuring a Medium on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. for \$45.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased on line.**

**The next District School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium.**

**The Evaluation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in the library.**

**The Negotiating Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the library.**

**A roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel and will not return to open session District Committee meeting.**

**15 – Yes**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**