

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

**476 North Avenue  
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday  
November 15, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Mr. John Banzdul, Mrs. Evelyn Bouley, Mrs. Shirley Bourque,  
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Mr. Donald Foster, Mr. Michael Gagliardi,  
Mr. Richard Gamache, Mr. David Hughes, Mr. Gary Mansfield, Mrs.  
Joanne Puskar, Mrs. Nancy Souza, Mr. Maurice St. Amand, Mr. Donald  
Williams, Mr. Sylvester Zienkiewicz**

**Absent: Mr. Paul Guilbeault**

**Also: Mr. Aaron Polansky, Superintendent-Director, Mrs. Karen Guenette,  
Principal; Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer, Assistant Principal/Vocational  
Coordinator; Ms. Linda Deady, Academic Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Griffith,  
Business Manager; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary; Ms.  
Amy Pringle, Chairperson, Student Advisory Council to District Committee**

**Guests: Dr. Matt King, NSIP  
Mrs. Paula Rose, East Freetown  
Mr. Dann Kleman, Rochester  
Ms. Marjorie O'Brien, Rochester  
Ms. Erin Taylor, Old Colony Student, Rochester  
Mr. Cole Taylor, Old Colony Student, Rochester  
Mr. Chase Taylor, Rochester  
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Parent, Rochester  
Ms. Jody Churoh, Rochester  
Mrs. Kathryn Bandzul, Carver  
Mr. Dan Bock, General Advisory Board, Electrical  
Mr. Scott Weigel, General Advisory Board, Automotive  
Ms. Kate Weigel, General Advisory Board, Culinary  
Ms. Nicole Letendre, General Advisory Board, Cosmetology  
Ms. Rebecca Dawicki, Old Colony Student, Lakeville  
Mrs. Karen Dawicki, Lakeville**

**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.

Mr. Bandzul announced the General Advisory Board meeting and invited Mrs. Machamer to speak.

Mrs. Machamer stated that members of the General Advisory Board were present to discuss the needs of industry and equipment of their respective shops.

Members of the General Advisory Boards discussed the needs of Old Colony's technical programs over the next five years.

Mrs. Machamer stated that the District has purchased some equipment from grant money received in the past and will continue to apply for any capital improvement program grants.

Mr. Polansky introduced Dr. Matt King from the New Superintendent Induction Program.

Dr. King spoke to the School Committee members in detail about the benefits of the program and fielded questions from members.

Committee members thanked Dr. King for his time and commitment to Mr. Polansky and Old Colony.

Mr. Polansky recognized Old Colony student Erin Taylor (Rochester) and presented her with the MASS Certificate of Excellence Award.

Ms. Taylor was invited to address the School Committee members and spoke about her recent accomplishments and her future plans beyond Old Colony.

Mr. Don Foster recommends that Ms. Taylor's accomplishments be recognized in the newspaper.

Mr. Bandzul stated he would like to proceed out of order and discussed the Old Colony Gridiron request to have a food truck fundraiser in June 2018 to raise funds for the lighting project. He stated their request needs approval from the School Committee.

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

**Voted: To approve the Old Colony Gridiron Club Food Truck Fundraiser in June 2018.**

**Mr. Bandzul waived the reading of items listed on the Consent Agenda and a motion was made by Mrs. Shirley Bourque and seconded by Mr. Donald Foster, it was unanimously**

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

**Acceptance of minutes listed below:**

**October 18, 2017 District Committee minutes**

**October 18, 2017 Executive Session minutes**

**October 23, 2017 Executive Session Negotiating Subcommittee minutes**

**November 7, 2017 Executive Session Negotiating Subcommittee minutes**

**November 9, 2017 Evaluation Subcommittee minutes**

**November 14, 2017 Executive Session Negotiating Subcommittee minutes**

**Warrants were available for review.**

**Mrs. Bourque questioned negative balances on certain line items in the Operating Statement.**

**Mrs. Griffith explained where the deficits had come from and attributed it to the timing of the production of the Operating Statement and a grant that had not been received at the time. The other deficit came about from a onetime payment for the schools website.**

**Mr. Polansky spoke about the Capital Skills Grant and recognized Mrs. Machamer for her work in helping secure a grant totaling \$214,319.00 for the Old Colony electrical program and electronics engineering technology programs.**

**Mrs. Machamer discussed what purchases will be made with the grant and the new solar system that will be installed and maintained by Old Colony students.**

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

**Voted: To accept grant funding in the amount of \$214,319.00**

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

**Voted: To approve the donation of a 2003 Ford Taurus to the Automotive Technology Department from Mr. Patrick Bourque.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the need to update the current Substitute Teacher Pay model.**

**On a motion duly made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Bourque, it was**

**Voted: To approve payment of substitute teachers/staff in accordance with the enclosed proposed pay scale.**

**14 – Yes**

**1 – Abstain (Mr. Stephen Cassidy)**

**On a motion duly made by Mr. Donald Foster and seconded by Mr. David Hughes, it was**

**Voted: To amend the motion to approve payment of substitute teachers/staff in accordance with the enclosed proposed pay scale effective immediately.**

**14 – Yes**

**1 – Abstain (Mr. Stephen Cassidy)**

**Mr. Bandzul announced the upcoming Budget Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Gagliardi spoke on behalf of the Evaluation Subcommittee and the Superintendent's evaluation and goals.**

**Mr. Polansky addressed the School Committee Members and spoke about his Year 1 Entry findings and goals for year 2.**

**Mr. Bandzul spoke about Mr. Polansky's recent invitation to speak at the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Conference.**

**Mr. Bandzul recognized the New Open Meeting Law Regulations.**

**Ms. Pringle reviewed the issues discussed with Mrs. Guenette at the Student Council meeting.**

**Mrs. Guenette discussed the new staff appointments and stated approximately 19 new staff members have been hired since July and approximately 8 since the September School Committee Meeting.**

**Mrs. Machamer discussed the recent Career Awareness Day and Parents Day that took place in early November. She stated there was a lower turn out of 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year from sending schools due to smaller class sizes but considered both events a success.**

**Mr. Polansky provided an update regarding Enrollment and the tools that have been used which have resulted in an increased interest.**

**Mrs. Machamer discussed the Co-Operative Education. She stated the entire 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Automotive are in Co-Op and the numbers in all shops are continuing to increase. She also stated that the wages have increased on average \$2.50 an hour from last year.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the Efficiency and Regionalization FY18 Grant Application. He stated the financial cost with hiring a consultant to update the District Agreement Plan was excessive and the grant would assist in the cost.**

**Mrs. Guenette spoke about the recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship 2018 and explained the benefits.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the MA STEM Summit at the DCU Center and invited Mrs. Machamer to speak about her experience. Mrs. Machamer stated she was able to have conversation with the Lt. Governor and spoke about OC Creates.**

**Mr. Polansky spoke about the October 1, 2017 Official Student Census.**

**Ms. Deady presented the Accountability Report and the Report Card Overview. She gave an explanation of both and the factors that are considered in the scoring of a school.**

**Ms. Amy Pringle exited the meeting at 7:37 p.m.**

**Mrs. Machamer discussed the Health & Safety Plan and what it covers. Mrs. Machamer fielded questions from the Committee regarding the plan and the specifics.**

**Mrs. Guenette discussed the Principal's Newsletter and provided the Committee with an explanation of the newsletter and what is included.**

**The next Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.**

**The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolene Costa  
District Committee Secretary**

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**Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman**

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**Date**

