

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

**476 North Avenue  
Rochester, MA 02770**

**Wednesday  
December 18, 2019**

**DISTRICT MINUTES**

**Present: 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, Mrs. Nancy Souza, Mrs. Sharon Cruz, Mr. Robert Marshall, Mr. Stephen Cassidy III, Mrs. Joanne Puskar, Mr. Gary Mansfield, Mr. Justin Brodeur**

**Also: Mr. Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director; Mrs. Jolene Costa, District Committee Secretary**

**Guest: Ms. Madison Lopes, General Advisory Board, CAD Drafting  
Katherine Ashley, Student O.C.R.V.T.H.S.  
Patricia Ashley, Parent**

**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 addressed the full School Committee.**

**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**

**Voted: To approve the Consent Agenda a. and d.**

**Acceptance of minutes listed below:**

**November 13, 2019 Charter Review Subcommittee minutes**

**November 20, 2019 District Committee minutes**

**November 20, 2019 Executive Session minutes**

**December 5, 2019 Charter Review Subcommittee minutes**

**14 - Yes**

**1 - Abstain (J. Bandzul)**

Warrants were available for review.

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

**Voted:** To approve the donation of two hospital beds from Susan Netinho from Southcoast Hospitals valued at 41,700.00 per bed.

Mr. Bandzul requested a thank you letter be sent.

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

**Voted:** To approve the Robotics Field Trip to the VEX Robotics Qualifying Tournament at the University of Rhode Island on February 8, 2020 in Kingston, RI.

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

**Voted:** To approve the Robotics Field Trip to the VEX Robotics Qualifying Tournament at the University of New Haven on February 15, 2020 in West Haven, CT.

Mr. Polansky gave an update on new enrollment information pulled this morning showing the increase in applications and reviewed it with the School Committee.

Mrs. Bourque stated she observed a poster that advertised ORR statistics. She suggested our students could create a poster for Old Colony with similar information.

Mr. Foster requested Mr. Polansky email the Committee with a summary of results from the Educational Foundation Night to Remember event that took place in November.

Mrs. Bourque discussed the work being done on the “*Retirement of Staff Members*” policy (GCQE) and updated the Committee on the next steps.

Mrs. Bourque commended Mrs. Faria and Mrs. Griffith for the work they did on the Insurance Comparison document.

Mr. Marshall inquired about the recommendation he made regarding substituting subcommittee members for meetings.

**Mr. Polansky stated he spoke to Council who advised against substitutions of Subcommittee members due to the complexity of certain Subcommittees such as the Negotiating Subcommittee.**

**Mr. Marshall requested as long as the substitutions are not illegal, that the Committee consider his request moving forward and can exclude Negotiating Subcommittee.**

**Mr. Foster inquired about appointing an alternate if someone cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances.**

**Mr. Bandzul stated after some research he discovered the Chairman has the authority to appoint alternates to Subcommittees at his discretion.**

**Mr. Foster inquired about what other towns do.**

**Mrs. Bourque, Ms. Bouley, and Mr. Bandzul stated they would inquire within their own towns and return with information for the next meeting.**

**Mr. Bandzul requests the topic be tabled and added to the January meeting agenda.**

**Mr. Cassidy discussed the Charter Review dinner and what the next steps which include allowing the member towns to review all the materials distributed to them and reconvene to continue the conversations.**

**Mrs. Bourque stated the overall feeling from the towns is that they want In-District students to have an opportunity to attend Old Colony before Freetown students.**

**Mr. Marshall agreed and stated he got a sense that member towns were prod of Old Colony and wanted their students to have the opportunity to attend before Freetown students.**

**Ms. Souza asked if Old Colony accepts more In-District students will it lower the overall score.**

**Mr. Polansky stated it would however the majority of the points are not based on grades but more on discipline and attendance. Students will come in disciplined and can receive help in academics if needed.**

**Mr. Foster discussed expansion and the addition of shops and programs.**

**Mr. Marshall discussed the possible buy – in amount and stated it needs to be reviewed to include building worth.**

**Mr. Polansky stated he would be in touch with Freetown to discuss admissions once the time approaches.**

**Mr. Polansky stated the member towns were made aware that assessments would increase if more In-District students are accepted.**

**Mr. St. Amand updated the Committee on the Budget meeting. He stated the preliminary budget shows an increase of 4.17%.**

**Mr. St. Amand stated Mrs. Griffith will update the Subcommittee with a breakdown of the increases at the next meeting in January.**

**Mr. Polansky discussed the correspondence from DESE regarding the SRO and the ongoing open line of communication with the Rochester Police Department and Chief Small.**

**Mr. Polansky spoke to the School Committee about the Capital Skills Grant and that Old Colony has received over a million in competitive grant money to date.**

**The Principal's newsletter was available for the School Committee to review.**

**Mrs. Bourque inquired about the Madison Park visit.**

**Mr. Polansky stated it has been postponed to January 27<sup>th</sup> however it will be 40 students from Old Colony and Madison Park visiting each school in their shop department.**

**Mrs. Cruz inquired about how we are preparing our students for the visit.**

**Mr. Polansky stated there will be a meeting with the student body to discuss the visit. He stated Old Colony students are already aware of the visit but the meeting will be more in depth.**

**The next meetings are listed as follows:**

**Budget Subcommittee meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library**

**District meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolene Costa  
District Committee Secretary**

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**Mr. John Bandzul, Chairman**

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**Date**