

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA

DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

JANUARY 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Chairman Paul Jennings, with the following persons in attendance: Joan Menard, Rajiv Nehra and Fr. Jay Mello of Fall River, Jeffrey Begin of Swansea, and Donald DiBiasio of Somerset. Also, in attendance were Paul Kitchen, Elvio Ferreira, Superintendent Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent/Principal and Atty. Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Jennings called for the roll call.

Mr. Jennings made the following announcement: In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any member of the public may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting. A member of the public who wishes to record a meeting must first notify the chair and must comply with reasonable requirements regarding audio or video equipment established by the chair so as not to interfere with the meeting. Mr. Decio Matos will be recording after Executive Session.

Mr. Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Nehra, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes, as submitted.

There was no citizen input.

Dr. Ferreira reported that the End of Cycle Summative Evaluation is still for the 2021 school year, feel free to complete and ask questions. Mr. Jennings requested it be emailed to the committee members.

Attorney Brilhante reported the Grievance Sub-Committee will meet in February 2022.

Ms. Kristie Harrington has been appointed as part time Transition Counselor for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Eric Benoit has been appointed as Senior IT Technician for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Matthew Pimentel, Programming and Web instructor has submitted his letter of resignation.

Mr. Jonathan Root, staff coverages, has submitted his resignation letter.

Mr. Kitchen reported on the expenditures in excess of \$5,000.00.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Nehra and voted unanimously to approve the following expenditures.

Vendor	Total Amt. Project
A WALECKA & SON INC	\$14,398.00 Admin Move
BURNS TOOLS	\$19,704.00 Perkins Grant – Carpentry
CENTURY PAVING CONST CORP	\$ 9,680.00 Upper Parking Lot Repair
COLLIERS PROJECT LEADERS USA NE LLC	\$5,578.47 MSBA
JDI PRODUCTIONS	\$9,950.00 Graduation Expense
JDI PRODUCTIONS	\$4,950.00 Graduation Expense
KAESTLE BOOS ASSOCIATES INC	\$9,895.00 MSBA
MSC	\$5,098.88 Drafting
ODYSSEY ADVISORS INC	\$7,850.00 Undesignated
TAYLOR PUBLISHING CO	\$5,040.40 Yearbook
WISEGUY PRODUCTIONS	\$9,500.00 Graduation Expense

Dr. Ferreira reported on Superintendent 2022 Formative Evaluation, goals and standards are due by February 2022 meeting.

Attorney Brilhante reported the LPN Sub-Committee will be tabled to February 2022 meeting.

Mr. Kitchen reported on the monthly financial report.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the transfer from available funds.

Dr. Ferreira provided report on the Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rebello provided report on Mid-Year Review.

Mr. Rebello will provide the committee members with the grade nine vocational placement report. As soon as the placement report is completed, it will be provided to the committee members.

Dr. Ferreira reported on the 2022 report card, state required to be sent out to parents.

Dr. Ferreira reported on the material requests that will be coming forward in February from the Bengal Foundation.

Fr. Jay inquired about the student representative. Dr. Ferreira reported that Mr. Santos is working with student government representatives.

Mr. Rebello reported Mr. Santos has two students interested, one being Ryan Nadeau.

Dr. Ferreira provided an MSBA update. Dr. Ferreira reported we have not received the requested 120 extension from the MSBA. Dr. Ferreira is in communication with the sending towns regularly.

Mr. DiBiasio has encouraged Dr. Ferreira to notify the sending town members to attend the meetings.

Dr. Ferreira would like the school committee members to attend the meetings to assist with answering questions and add input.

At this time, a meeting date has not been scheduled for Fall River. Swansea is scheduled on February 1, 2022, Somerset is scheduled on January 19, 2022 and Westport is scheduled on January 18, 2022.

Ryan Nadeau, student government representative, provided report on current happenings. Ryan reported on winter sports and DECA.

Dr. Ferreira reported on the scholarship from the Trustees of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation. The Trustees of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation have authorized a distribution to Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in the amount of \$8,000.00, to be used for scholarships.

It was moved by Mr. Begin, seconded by Mr. Nehra and voted unanimously to accept the scholarship from the Trustees of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation.

Dr. Ferreira provided report on calendar of events.

Other items not reasonable anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the request from MAVA for the use of a classroom from January 19, 2022 through May 4, 2022, every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., for Occupational Education Courses through Fitchburg State University and to waive the use fees.

The next School Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Fr. Jay, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 6:27 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for the following: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a), paragraph 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel: Individual Contracts – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Recording Secretary to the School Committee, Staff Coverage c.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a), paragraph 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel: AFSCME, DTA

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 7:01 p.m. to rise into Open Session.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent-Director contract, as negotiated.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the reclassification of Amy Arruda's AFSCME position to Senior Bookkeeper at top step.

It was moved by Mrs. Menard, seconded by Fr. Jay and voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Diman Teachers Association contract, as negotiated.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Fr. Jay and voted unanimously to approve Dr. Ferreira, Superintendent-Director, to temporarily assist with staffing coverages. The work from home policy requirements will be waived temporarily. Dr. Ferreira will receive the \$10,000.00 prorated stipend.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bosse

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Materials Included:

December 16, 2021 Minutes
Monthly Financial Report
FY22 Transfers
Superintendent's Report