

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

1082 DAVOL STREET, 2nd FLOOR, ROOM NO. 237, FALL RIVER, MA

DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee meeting was called to order at 6:10 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. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes, as submitted.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to approve the October 27, 2021

There was no citizen input.

Dr. Ferreira requested that the End of Cycle Summative Evaluation for the 2021 school year be completed.

Mr. Jennings requested a hold on the ongoing litigation SY 2022-01

Dr. Ferreira reported on the following personnel changes:

Mrs. Jeanne Hill, Assistant to Assistant Principal of Technical Affairs has submitted her letter of intent to retire on September 21, 2022.

Ms. Bonnie Shelton, Transition Counselor has submitted her letter of resignation.

Mr. Michael Zajac, District Staffing Coordinator has submitted his letter of resignation effective November 24, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Nehra, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio and voted unanimously to appoint Firas Khatib, as a business/industry advisory board member of the Programming and Web Development Program for a term of three years.

Mr. Greg Brilhante left meeting at 5:35 p.m. and returned at 5:37 p.m.

Dr. Ferreira reported on the Superintendent Evaluation 2022. Dr. Ferreira has submitted his goals and action plan for review. Mid- year will be in January or February. Please feel free to ask any questions.

Dr. Ferreira reported on the substitute pay, we are experiencing a substitute shortage. Dr. Ferreira is requesting to increase the daily substitute rate from \$100.00 to \$125.00 and the long-term substitute rate from \$165.00 to \$190.00 a day. We are having a difficult time filling the staff coverage position at its current stipend. We are looking at increasing the stipend to \$10,000. Mr. Jennings recommended advertising for additional permanent positions. Mr. DiBiasio suggested hiring paraprofessionals to utilize where needed.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the daily and long-term substitute rate increase.

Mr. DiBiasio recommends creating a position for staffing coverages. Mr. Rebello would like to move in that direction. Mr. Jennings, Dr. Ferreira and Mr. Rebello will meet to discuss the staffing coordinator position.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to accept the following donation from Mrs. Maureen Cooney of various tools for Advanced Manufacturing

Dr. Ferreira reported on the expenditures.

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

Vendor	DAC	Requester	Total Amt.
SIMONS SUPPLY CO INC	HVAC	William Harris	\$3,471.15
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SKILLS USA	VICA	Mitchell Sweet	\$16,250.75
FISHER BUS INC	MAIN OFFICE	Colette Degagne	\$9,600.00
WHALLEY COMPUTER ASSOCIATES INC	Technology	Sean Bouzan	\$10,000.00
CAPION STUDIO	LPN-LPN Student Activity	Rosemary Blanchette	\$8,425.00
NORTHERN MACHINERY SALES INC	MFW	Paul Nogueira	\$15,089.00

PLASMA AUTOMATIC INC	MFW	Paul Nogueira	\$33,900.00
ADVANCED ED TECHNOLOGIES	SPED GRANT	Debbie Pacheco	\$6,990.00
HENRY SCHEIN INC7	SPED GRANT	Debbie Pacheco	\$20,030.00
HUB INTERNATIONAL NE LLC	MAIN OFFICE	Colette Degagne	\$7,010.00
VELOCITY EHS	Building Grounds	Myles Brilhante	\$5,443.55

Dr. Ferreira is requesting we nullify the surplus sale of equipment that was authorized last month. Dr. Ferreira is recommending we discard the equipment by appropriate district policy. The metal on the chairs will be disposed for scrap by the district policy.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to nullify the surplus sale and discard the equipment by appropriate district policy.

Dr. Ferreira is requesting the district office modular furniture go out for bid.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to go out for bid for the district office modular furniture.

Housebuilding/Facilities Sub-Committee Report - Mr. DiBiasio reported out on the garage being built in Swansea, the project is moving along. Mr. DiBiasio requested for Mrs. Torres to report on the Habitat for Humanity duplex project. Habitat for Humanity is in need of our electrical department participation immediately for the first duplex in the spring of 2022. Mrs. Torres requested to meet with their project manager and our electrical department. Mr. DiBiasio requested Maria to move forward and get the information for the project. The committee will vote on the project in December.

Mr. Brilhante reported no votes will be taken of union contracts; table to December.

Mr. Kitchen reported out 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.

Dr. Ferreira reported our bus contract expires in June of 2022. Dr. Ferreira would like to put out a bid in December 2021. Mr. DiBiasio asked if we are having any issues with Health Assistant students because of COVID 19. Seniors are finishing their clinical rotations. Mr. DiBiasio requested a list of Co/op placements.

Mr. DiBiasio requested a co/op placement update.

Dr. Ferreira provided report on calendar of events.

The following items were not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to meeting:

Dr. Ferreira is requesting approval of the annual out of state ski trip to Pats Peak on January 29, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Nehra and voted unanimously to approve the ski trip to Pike's Peak on January 29, 2021.

Dr. Ferreira is requesting approval for the Culinary Arts Cook around the World, out of state field trip on April 29, 2022 – May 2, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the Culinary Arts Cook around the World filed trip on April 29, 2022 – May 2, 2022.

Mr. Brilhante reported correspondence will be discussed in executive session.

The next School Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Nehra, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 6:22 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for the following: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a), paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares: AFSCME, DTA and DAA c. 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 – District Data Analyst; Cooperative Education Coordinator, IT Coordinator, Assistant IT Coordinator, Administrative Assistant to Principal, Logistics Coordinator, Accountant, Treasurer, Human Resources Coordinator, Security Officer, Parent Liaison, Team Chair – SPED, Evening School Director, LPN Director, Evening School Bookkeeper, Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Recording Secretary to School Committee, Financial Aid Coordinator, and Paraprofessionals.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 7:19 p.m. to rise into Open Session.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bosse

Materials Included:

October 14, 2021 Minutes

October 27, 2021 Minutes

Monthly Financial Report

Transfers

Superintendent's Report