

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA  
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Paul Jennings, with the following persons in attendance: Fr. Jay Mello of Fall River, Donald DiBiasio of Somerset, Jeffrey Begin of Swansea and Rajiv Nehra of Fall River. Joan Menard of Fall River was absent.

Also in attendance were: Brian Bentley, Interim Superintendent/Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Paul Kitchen, Director of Finance, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel and Helena Neves, Executive Secretary.

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. Matos provided notification of intent to record.

Mr. Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the September 15, 2022 minutes and approved them, as recorded.

Mr. Rebello provided the student report which included an update on the current happenings such as clubs, sports and student events. Dakota Valente and Ryan Nadeau will be the student representatives to the School Committee. Student Government elections will be taking place on November 8, 2022.

There was no Citizen Input.

Ms. Neves stated that the Superintendent's 2022 End of Cycle Summative Evaluation has been completed and a summary report was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Bentley reported on personnel.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Nicole Bernardo as an Industry/Business Advisory Board member of the Business Technology Program.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the request by the Rotary Club of Fall River to use Room 251 Restaurant for their Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 6:00 am to 1:30 pm and to waive the use of facilities fee.

Mr. Bentley reported that all elevators have been repaired and meeting ADA requirements.

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It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to approve the request by the Class of 2023 to hold Prom in Newport, RI on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the request by the English Department to take students on an educational field trip to the RISD Museum on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for A Week students and on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for B Week students.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the request by the Ski Club to attend a ski trip to Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to approve the proposal submitted by the International Club for two trips. The London and Rome trip will take place during April 2024 vacation. The Galapagos Island trip will take place at the end of June 2024.

Mr. Rebello reported on the school calendar change. Mr. Rebello stated that a change was needed in order to accommodate the MCAS re-test dates.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar change.

Mr. Jennings reminded members there's still time to register for the MASC Annual Conference. Mr. Jennings will be the designated voting delegate.

Mr. Kitchen reported that last year the district purchased #4 fuel oil from the state contract which is no longer an option. Two bids were received and the lowest responsible and responsive bidder was Sprague Operating Resources.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to award the Fuel Oil Bid to the recommended vendor.

Mr. Kitchen provided the monthly financial report. Mr. Kitchen reported that the deficit in the Extraordinary Maintenance line is typically funded once E & D funds are certified. The Department of Revenue typically certifies in November/December.

Attorney Brillhante left the meeting at 5:50 pm.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve all expenditures as submitted.

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Vendor Name	Amount	DAC
COLLIERS PROJECT LEADERS USA NE LLC	\$18,469.49	Capital Project
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	\$7,768.54	Medical Assisting
NEL CORPORATION	\$8,800.00	Building Grounds
PRECISION FITNESS EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$5,550.00	Athletics
RENAISSANCE LEARNING	\$31,118.50	English Dept.
SEEKONK SUPPLY INC	\$8,435.00	HVAC
STILES MACHINERY	\$52,940.00	Perkins Grant
FISHER BUS COMPANY	\$11,200.00	Senior Prom

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve all transfers as reported.

<b>From:</b>		
100.3400.8.303.312	Food Services- Salary	\$ 13,332.00
100.3520.4.302.649	Student Body – Skills	<u>\$ 26,000.00</u>
		\$ 39,332.00

<b>To:</b>		
100.2455.4.551.614	Software – English	\$ 13,332.00
100.3520.4.304.649	Student Body –BPA	<u>\$ 26,000.00</u>
		\$ 39,332.00

Attorney Brillhante returned to the meeting at 5:52 pm.

Mr. Kitchen reported on the Student Activity Account balances. He will be looking to close out class of 2022 account in January.

Mr. DiBiasio provided the Housebuilding/Facilities Sub-Committee report. Mr. DiBiasio stated that the 22/23 Community Projects list will be updated as Mrs. Torres is meeting with several entities to identify any possible projects. The garage project is almost completed. Permits have been issued for the People Inc. project and work could begin at the end of October.

Mr. DiBiasio provided an update on the practice fields' project. Mr. DiBiasio reported that trees have been removed. Mr. DiBiasio also reported that due to the new building construction this area may be needed to accommodate 60-70 parking spots. The parking spots along the football field fence will be blocked off and Room 251 Restaurant will lose their designated spots. Mr. DiBiasio stated that the Housebuilding/Facilities Sub-Committee is proposing to place the practice fields' project on hold until a Construction Manager is on board.

In preparation for the loss of parking, Mr. Kitchen will request quotes to transform the grassy area outside of Auto Collision into a parking space for the school vans.

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Mr. DiBiasio provided the MSBA report. The Selection Committee is meeting on October 28, 2022. The interviews for a Construction Manager at Risk will take place on November 1, 2022. The MSBA working group met today. Architects will begin meeting with Diman staff in the next couple of weeks. Mr. DiBiasio also reported that from October 17<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, GeoTech will be drilling and completing geo studies on the football field and other areas around the property.

Attorney Brilhante informed Mr. DiBiasio and the other members that there was an inquiry made by Colliers regarding the approved contract form. It was determined that a vote was not taken by the Committee. Attorney Brilhante and Mr. Kitchen will contact Colliers to grant them permission to use the preferred contract form.

Attorney Brilhante requested that item 3.1.n be discussed after Executive Session.

Mr. Rebello provided an overview of the Assistant Superintendent-Principal's report which included an update on school happenings, the Skills Capital Grant award, offshore wind partnership with BCC and MCAS.

Mr. Bentley provided the Superintendent's report which included an update on student enrollment, MCAS, ALICE drill and the initiative by the Culinary Arts and Science Departments to offer an after school molecular gastronomy/science class.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022. The meeting will need to be rescheduled due members not being able to attend, therefore a quorum will not present.

3.1. r. Addendum - Mr. Bentley stated that due to an increase in Special Populations, especially in ELL, there is a need to hire a second English Language Learners teacher in order to best support students. Mr. Bentley requested approval to advertise and hire a second full time ELL teacher.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Fr. Jay and voted unanimously to approve the request to advertise for and hire a second full time ELL teacher. Salary and benefits will be pro-rated and position will be funded by ESSER III grant funds.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 6:31 p.m. to enter into Executive Session with Mr. Jennings, Fr. Jay, Mr. DiBiasio, Mr. Begin and Dr. Nehra voting yes.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously on a roll call at 7:43 p.m. to rise into Open Session. Mr. Jennings, Fr. Jay, Mr. DiBiasio, Mr. Begin and Dr. Nehra voting yes.

It was moved by Fr. Jay, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to enter into contract with Lori Gehan, as negotiated.

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It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Helena S. Neves*  
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**Materials Included:**

September 15, 2022  
Superintendent's 2022 End Cycle Summative Evaluation – Summary Report  
Monthly Financial Report  
Expenditure Report  
Transfers Report  
Student Activity Agency Account Report  
Community Projects List  
Principal's Report  
Superintendent's Report