

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Paul Jennings with the following persons in attendance: Rajiv Nehra and Joan Menard of Fall River, Donald DiBiasio of Somerset and Jeffrey Begin of Swansea. Absent was Renee Howayeck of Fall River. Also in attendance were Thomas F. Aubin, Superintendent-Director, Elvio Ferreira, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Deborah Kenney, Business Manager and Atty. Gregory Brillhante, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Jennings did 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. The meeting is not recorded.

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 April 3, 2018 minutes and approve them as recorded.

There was no student representative report.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to re-elect Paul Jennings as Chairperson of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously to re-elect Donald DiBiasio as Vice Chairperson of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee.

Mr. Aubin requested that the re-election of the treasurer be carried to the June meeting.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to re-elect Jeffrey Begin as Assistant Treasurer of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to re-elect Lucy Thompsen as Secretary of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee.

Mr. Jennings will announce with the members of the Sub-Committees at the next meeting.

The superintendent's evaluation will be carried to the June meeting.

Mr. Ferreira announced additional changes to the 2018-19 school calendar.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 school calendar, as submitted.

Mr. Aubin reported on the following personnel changes:

Mr. John Chicharro, Automotive Technology originally had a retirement date of June 7, 2018, but has decided to extend it to June 30, 2018.

Ms. Erika DiBiasio, Culinary Arts Paraprofessional has submitted her letter of resignation. Her last date of employment was April 27, 2018.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to appoint Justin Borges as a business/industry member of the HVAC Program for a term of three years

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to appoint Fred Toppan as a business/industry member of the Drafting Program for a term of three years.

Mr. Andrew Rebello, Assistant Principal, provided an overview of the changes for the 2018-19 student handbook. The changes included the attendance policy matching the admissions policy. This item will be carried to the June meeting. Mr. Rebello explained that the handbook will need to be submitted to the vendor for printing. Mr. Ferreira suggested that Mr. Rebello contact the vendor to accommodate the ordering of the handbook after its' approval at the June meeting.

Mr. Raymond Machado, advisor for DECA, provided an overview of the school store proposal. The store will be an online store, which will use Paypal and deliveries can be made from the school. The shop shirts can also be purchased through the school store.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to approve the school store initiative.

Mrs. Donna Theodore, Practical Nurse Director, provided a report on admissions for the 2018-19 school year. Four students have won gold at the SkillsUSA States Competition and they will be going to the National Competition at the end of June. It will be requested that graduation date be moved. Twenty-two students have accepted and paid their seat fee – 17 in-district and 5 out of district. Acceptance letters have been sent to an additional 13 students – 6 in-district and 7 out of district. The last TEAS exam will take place on May 18th with 55 students who have signed up. Final numbers for acceptance will be available in June. The program has allowed a total score of proficient to be accepted into the program. There are 39 students who will graduate from the program in June. Mr. DiBiasio asked about the night program – Mrs. Theodore explained that only one person has applied. Mr. Aubin reported that the District had a commercial made for the program.

Mr. Jennings asked if any Health Assisting students applied to the program – Mrs. Theodore explained that four have applied, all four passed the TEAS, one has accepted and paid the seat fee.

Mr. Begin asked about whether the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) exam is a general knowledge exam – Mrs. Theodore explained that it is. Mrs. Theodore explained that the test scores will be monitored as they become students.

Attorney Brillhante asked whether the Committee accepted the costs associated with the school store. Once the purchase needs to be made, the expenditure will be brought before the Committee. Mr. Jennings asked that Mr. Machado submit the expenditure to the Committee a month prior to the purchase.

Mr. Aubin provided an overview of the Caring Canine Proposal from the Athletic Trainer, Ms. Stephanie Hart. Ms. Hart further explained the purpose of the proposal as an emotional support animal, in particular, a mini golden doodle. When athletes are removed from their sport due to an injury, depression tends to set in. Mr. DiBiasio explained that he is not ready to vote on the item. There are a number of questions about the proposal. Ms. Hart explained that she will take the liability on her homeowner's insurance. This item will be carried to the June meeting.

Ms. Hart reported on the Sports Medicine Student – Athletic Cooperative Education Position proposal. There is a Machine Tool Technology student who is currently helping Ms. Hart in the trainer's office. The student is interested in the athletic training field. Mr. DiBiasio asked if it would be a typical cooperative education position. Ms. Hart explained that the student currently has a cooperative education position in Machine Tool Technology, but is hoping to help Ms. Hart next year. Mr. DiBiasio asked whether any Health Assisting students had an interest in the position. Mrs. Kenney asked about the funding for the position. This item will be carried to the June meeting.

Mr. Aubin explained that the District is celebrating the 50th anniversary at the Stonehaven Road location.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the use of the 50th anniversary logo.

Mr. Aubin explained the as part of the invitation into the MSBA Program, funding is required for the feasibility study. He further reviewed the area schools enrollment and feasibility study costs.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously that the Greater Fall River Vocational School District hereby appropriates the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a Feasibility Study at the Greater Fall River Vocational School District (Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School), 251 Stonehaven Road, Fall River, Massachusetts, 02723, including all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Study") said amount to be expended under the direction of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to c. 697 of the Acts of 1962, as amended and supplemented, G.L.c.71, § 16(d), and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA's") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium

applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L.c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously that within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the City Council of the City of Fall River, and the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by c. 697 of the Acts of 1962, as amended and supplemented, the District Agreement, as amended and supplemented, and by G.L. c. 71, § 16(d).

The MSBA School Building Committee member proposal will be carried to the June meeting.

Mr. Aubin provided a report on the Housebuilding/Facilities Sub-Committee meeting – 1) the expansion of the HVAC shop; the breakdown of the costs will be available at the next meeting; 2) electrical panels in Culinary Arts and Metal Fabrication – repairs will be made in the summer and the equipment has been purchased for the project; 3) Industry 4.0 Lab – 4th level of industrial revolution; and, 4) Medical Assisting Program – Room B114 – the District is awaiting full approval from the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education. Mr. Aubin also reported that the Greater Fall River Development Corporation would like to donate \$50,000 for a robotic arm. Mr. Jennings further explained that three quotes will be needed for the Industry 4.0 Lab. Mr. Aubin explained that the housebuilding project will continue for the 2018-19 school year. The CDA will be funding the project through the management of PICAN. The track project bid opening will be on May 16th. The housebuilding project will be voted on at the June meeting.

Mr. DiBiasio provided a report on the Policy Sub-Committee meeting. There are a number of changes to the policies, which are recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. There are five policies that the District is recommending changes on. This item will be carried to the June meeting.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to approve the LPN graduation date change to Friday, June 22, 2018. Dr. Nehra asked whether the graduates had an issue with the new date. Mr. Aubin stated “no”.

Mr. DiBiasio left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and returned at 7:17 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to approve the following requests from American International College:

The use of a classroom on the following Saturdays: May 12th and 19th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for SEI/RETELL Stand-Along Courses. The fee for the use of the classroom is \$980 plus \$1,260 (custodial fees), for a total of \$2,240.

The use of five classrooms on Tuesdays from May 8, 2018 – June 26, 2018 – 4:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. for SOE classes. The fee for this use will be \$7,000.

The use of a classroom on May 7, 2018 and May 14, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for an SOE MTEL Math Prep Course. The fee for this use will be \$280.

Mr. Jennings asked that the facilities requests be submitted earlier.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio, and voted unanimously to approve the request from the Bristol County District Attorney's Office for the use of the Room 251 Restaurant on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for an Anti-Bullying/Cyber Bullying Workshop. There will be no charge for this use of facilities.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio, and voted unanimously to approve the request from the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators for the use of two classrooms from July 9th – 13th – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for Developing and Implementing Course. There will be no charge for this use of facilities.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to approve the request from Stoico/Firstfed YMCA in Swansea for use of the auditorium on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 for a rehearsal. The fee for this use will be \$500. Ms. Menard requested that the fee be waived.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of assorted supplies (lamp starter, track suspension kits, cooper wiring, etc.) to the Electricity Program from Concord Electric Supply Inc.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of \$10,000 (up to \$2,000 used towards SkillsUSA and \$8,000 to be given as scholarships to students who will be enrolling in a CNC Technologist training or CNC machining-based engineering program) from The Gene Haas Foundation.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of a 2007 Chevy Cobalt for the Automotive Technology Program to be used for educational purposes from Mr. Richard Cabeceiras.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of three American Standard furnaces, two Dayton unit heaters, and one Rheem condenser/compressor to the HVAC Program from Liberty Utilities.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of one entry door, two interior doors, and four cans of paint to the Carpentry/Cabinetmaking program from Lowe's Home Improvement.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of the following to the Carpentry/Cabinetmaking program from Millwork One, Inc.

Quartered Walnut:

8 shts ¾-4x10 A4 FRPB
8 shts ¾-4x10 A4 FRMDF
7 shts ¾-4x10 A4 PB
6 shts 1-4x8 AA MDF
2 shts ¾-4x8 AA PB
1 sht ½ -4x8 A4 FRMDF

Quartered White Oak:

5 shts ½ -10x4 A4 FRPB
3 shts 1 1/16 -4x8 A4 mdf
1 sht 1-4x8 A4 MDF
2 shts ¾-4x8 A4 MDF
20 shts ¾-4x12 A4 MDF
7 shts ¾-4x12 A4 PB

1 sht ¾-4x8 A4 PB
Value \$8,443.00

14 shts ¾-4x10 A4 MDF
Value\$8,287.00

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of four hospital beds from Southcoast Health to the LPN Program.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the following expenditures: Academic Partners - Caps and gowns for 2018 graduation - \$5,607; Six Flags New England - Junior class trip - \$13,543; Virtual Graffiti - Checkpoint Firewall – IT- \$28,105; Vocabulary.com - Site license - \$5,600.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to approve the SkillsUSA Nationals expenditure of \$60,000.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 7:22 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for the following: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a), paragraph 3, to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares: DTA Contract, AFSCME Contract, DAA Contract. Mr. Begin, Ms. Menard, Mr. DiBiasio, Dr. Nehra, and Mr. Jennings voting yes.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 7:40 p.m. to rise into Open Session.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompsen
Lucy Thompsen

Materials included: April 3, 2018 Minutes
2017 School Committee Officers
2018-19 School Calendar
2018-19 Student Handbook
Diman School Store Proposal and Marketing Plan
LPN Status Report
Caring Canine Proposal
Sports Medicine Student Athletic Cooperation Education Position
50th Anniversary Logo Proposal
Feasibility Study Comparison Chart
Proposed MSBA School Building Committee Members