

## MINUTES

**Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School  
School Committee  
School Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

### **School Committee Conference Room**

#### **In Attendance:**

Christopher Evers; Lynn Ryan; Peggy Ayres; Virginia Simms George

#### **Also:**

Ernest F. Houle; Kris Luoto; Mark Hollick;

#### **Not In Attendance:**

Bill Charbonneau; Laura Ross; Paul George

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Vice-Chair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of September 20, 2016 as presented.

Move: Peggy Ayres Second: Christopher Evers Status: Passed

### **Bills and Payroll**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Warrant Nos. 10-11, 1025-1035, 5543-5547 as presented.

Move: Christopher Evers Second: Peggy Ayres Status: Passed

### **Student Representative Report**

Anna O'Connell, student representative, was present to discuss recent and upcoming activities. Members received a distribution of her report for review.

### **Audience**

-To hear from any individual recognized by the Chairperson who wishes to express an opinion on matters currently before the Committee.

Keith Baldinger, JROTC Parent Auxiliary Liaison, was present to give an overview of recent and upcoming JROTC parent and group activities.

Steve Hemman from MARS was present to discuss Inter-municipal Agreements. He distributed a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement for member review.

Members discussed the School Committee's position on ballot Question No. 2 up for state-wide vote on November 8.

A motion was made and seconded to oppose Question No. 2, the lifting of the cap on Charter schools based on the lack of accountability, the nature of the funding mechanism and the lack of fundamental sharing.

Move: Lynn Ryan Second: Christopher Evers Status: Passed

### **Director of Business Operations**

Mr. Luoto presented his mailed report as follows:

FY18 Budget Development - PowerPoint presentation of the proposed FY18 Budget. Members also received a copy of the preliminary budget book.

### **Chair's Report**

-MASS/MASC Joint Conference- discussion of delegate manual.

Discussion of Resolution recommendations for the voting delegate for the MASS/MASC Joint Conference.

Members agreed that the voting delegate vote her conscience on the resolutions.

### **Superintendent-Director's Report**

Mr. Houle discussed his report as follows:

Discussion of West Boylston's recent agreement with Leominster CTEi.

Members received a copy of the Superintendent-Director's Draft SMART Goals for the 2016-2017 School Year.

-VOTE: A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2016-2017 Superintendent-Director's goals.

Move: Christopher Evers Second: Peggy Ayres Status: Passed

### **Principal's Report**

Discussion of Principal's Report as follows:

MCAS results for the Class of 2018 were discussed.

Student Enrollment - numbers were discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Ayres and seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve a request for students to travel to the Women in STEM Conference on November 18, 2016 in Manchester, NH. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evers and seconded by Ms. Ayres to approve a request for students to attend the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference in Marlborough, MA November 20-22, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Communications**

-Reading and distribution of communications received by the Committee and the Superintendent as follows:

- Community Advocate article dated September 23, 2016, re: Assabet Valley High's Epicurean Restaurant now open for season
- Homestead Senior Care email dated September 28, 2016
- Article from Telegram.com dated September 26, 2016 re: Technical Schools are not a disadvantage
- Sentinel & Enterprise article dated October 12, 2016 re: West Boylston students given OK to attend Leominster CTEi

### **Old Business**

-None

### **Program Advisory Committee**

Members received notification of appointees to Program Advisory Committees. No vote was necessary due to a recent policy change.

At 9:21p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Evers and seconded by Ms. Ayres to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing matters

pertaining to collective bargaining. It was noted that the Committee would not be returning to regular session. The motion was passed by a vote of 4-0. Voting 'yea' on the motion were Ms. Ryan, Mr. Evers, Ms. Ayres and Ms. Simms George. There were no 'nay' votes.

At 9:30 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Evers to go out of Executive Session and adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by a vote of 4-0. Voting 'yea' on the motion were Ms. Ryan, Mr. Evers, Ms. Ayres and Ms. Simms George. There were no 'nay' votes.

The minutes herein were recorded by the Clerk and will not become official until approved by the Committee and so noted in a subsequent record.

Dawn M. Bacon, Clerk

Total Meeting Time: 3 hr 0 min

**Accompanying Paperwork for 10/18/2016 Meeting:**

- Agenda for 10/18/2016
- Proposed meeting minutes from 9/20/2016
- Memo from Mr. Houle to School Committee dated October 18, 2016 re: Warrant Vote
- School Representative Report
- Inter Municipal Agreement documents
- Intergovernmental Agreement
- Memo from Mr. Luoto to the School Committee dated October 12, 2016 re: Fiscal & Operations Update
- MASC Report of the Resolutions Committee
- Memo to the School Committee from Mr. Houle dated October 12, 2016 re: Superintendent-Director's Report to the School Committee
- Superintendent-Director's Draft SMART Goals for 2016-2017
- Memo from Mr. Hollick to the School Committee dated October 12, 2016 re: Principal's Report – October 18, 2016
- MCAS Update report
- Enrollment by Town Report
- FIRST Travel request memos
- SKILLS USA Travel request memos
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- Article from Telegram.com dated September 26, 2016 re: Technical Schools are not a disadvantage
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- Program Advisory recommendation memos and applications for Hailey Brinn, Zachary Baldini, Emeric Feldmar, Karen Henderson, Lisa Martino, and James Sullivan
- Proposed Executive Session meeting minutes of 9/20/2016