

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Budget Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes January 18, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Gerald Finn of Millville
Chester Hanratty of Millbury
Christopher Pilla, District Treasurer
Edward Cray of Mendon
Joseph Hall of Bellingham
Tyler Bartlett of Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Nicole Ferguson, Business Manager
Jaime Patriarca, Assistant Business Manager
Jacquenette Raad, Assistant Business Manager

Members Absent:

Christopher Pilla, District Treasurer

Anthony Steele, Asst. Superintendent-Principal

Guests in Attendance:

Michele Denise, Vocational Coordinator

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mr. Finn in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

Approval of minutes from prior meeting

Mr. Finn asked members to review minutes from the January 11, 2024 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Motion: On a motion moved by Mr. Hanratty to approve the Budget Subcommittee meeting minutes of January 11, 2024 as written, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson; the motion was voted and unanimously approved.

Agenda items

Mr. Finn opened the meeting with a follow-up question from the prior meeting, regarding technology subscription annual increases. Mr. Conley is currently compiling and analyzing the data for review. This data will include the actual cost of current subscriptions and calculate how much of the overall technology budget is comprised of standard annual 5% increases.

Special Note: Consistent with the District's standard budget building process [at this juncture] the Budget Subcommittee will continue to receive and review all departmental spending requests. Once fully collected, the Subcommittee will explore and investigate all options (including grants and donations) to secure items prior to including it within local municipal assessment consideration.

Areas for follow-up:

Mr. Finn's request for analysis of 5% software increases

Open Item at this time

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn made by Mr. Hall at 5:15 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Hanratty; motion voted and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jacquenette Raad, Recording Secretary