

# Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

## Budget Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021

#### Members in Attendance:

Julie Mitchell of Sutton  
Chester Hanratty of Millbury  
Barbara Auger, District Treasurer  
Anthony Steele, Asst. Superintendent-Principal

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director  
Lorna Mangano, Business Manager  
Nicole St. Germain, Assistant Business Manager

#### Members Absent:

Gerald Finn of Millville  
Joseph Hall of Bellingham

#### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Dr. Fitzpatrick in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

#### Agenda items

Dr. Fitzpatrick opened the meeting with a recommendation to accept nominations for chair and vice-chair.

The floor was then open for chair. Dr. Fitzpatrick indicated that Mr. Finn, while he is home recovering from surgery, recommended Ms. Mitchell as chair of the Budget Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Hanratty. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was voted and unanimously carried.

The floor was then open for vice-chair. Newly elected chair Ms. Mitchell nominated Mr. Finn vice-chair of the Budget Subcommittee, seconded by Ms. Mangano. Again via "proxy", Mr. Finn indicated he would serve as Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was voted and unanimously carried.

Ms. Mitchell asked subcommittee members to review the proposed budget meeting dates. Hearing no conflicts, Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the budget subcommittee meeting schedule as originally presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Next, Ms. Mangano presented the Debt budget (8000 Series) which showed a \$21,550 reduction from the previous year. Compared to prior year, the principal payment decreased by \$10,000 and interest decreased by \$11,550. With only 2 years remaining after FY2023, the District will continue to see a decline in both principal and interest over the remaining two years. Dr. Fitzpatrick noted that additional long term debt needs may surface throughout upcoming FY2023 Budget Subcommittee Meetings.

Ms. Mangano directed attention to October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment information. She noted the FY22 School Choice count is preliminary, pending updated information from DESE that will be available in December 2021.

#### Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nicole St. Germain, Recording Secretary