

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee was held in the Three Seasons Restaurant at the school. The following members, staff and others were present:

Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham, Chairman	Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Gerald M. Finn of Millville	Anthony Steele, Asst. Supt./Principal
David R. Bartlett of Upton	Kurtis Johnson, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone	Ted Morin, Interim Director of Facilities/Construction
Paul J. Braza of Milford	Yvette Whitesell, Director of Student Services
Dennis P. Braun of Mendon	Barbara Auger, Treasurer
James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge	Nicole Forman, Recording Secretary
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury	Brianna Donaghy, Nurse Practitioner
Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale	Craig Allen, Electrical Instructor
John C. Lavin III of Douglas	John Mitchell, Electrical Instructor
Julie H. Mitchell of Sutton	Logan Keefe, Student Representative
Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton	

Item 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Hall. Dr. Fitzpatrick noted the second Academic Curriculum Night was occurring simultaneously to the meeting and therefore a few administrators would be delayed as they fulfilled their duties at the event.

Item 2. Secretary's Report – A. Yitts

2.1 On a motion by Mr. Yitts, seconded by Mr. Hanratty, it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2018 and to accept them as written.

Item 3. Treasurer's Report – B. Auger

3.1 Treasurer Auger presented a report dated July 31, 2018. The report reflects a cash balance of \$6,736,229.22 including \$5,979,555.19 in local funds and \$756,674.03 in project funds.

Treasurer Auger noted July was a good month for the District despite the fact that the Chapter 70 funds were received a day late.

On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mr. Lavin, it was voted to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

3.2 Treasurer Auger presented a report dated August 31, 2018. The report reflects a cash balance of \$6,970,615.77 including \$6,263,788.55 in local funds and \$706,827.22 in project funds.

Treasurer Auger reported the District received several entitlement grants, member assessments, and two payments of Chapter 70 funds during the month of August.

On a motion by Mr. Lavin, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was voted to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Item 4. Student Recognition – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

4.1 Dr. Fitzpatrick recognized Alex Goldberg, a senior in the Engineering and Robotics program, who was recently named the Rensselaer Medalist. He is currently ranked second in the Class of 2019, takes several AP and honors courses, and serves as the Vice President of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. The Committee conveyed their congratulations.

Item 5. Comments by Student Representatives – Jake Stevens & Logan Keefe

Logan reported the Student Council has hosted three meetings since the start of the school year and welcomed approximately 200 students to each meeting. The Student Council has been involved in several events already this year, including the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk. Approximately 100 students and four faculty members attended the walk and raised \$4,000 for suicide prevention. Logan also noted the Student Council is preparing for the Homecoming Festival beginning Monday, September 24th. The events include spirit days, a pep rally, a dance, raffles, barrel fires, and sporting events.

Item 6. School Based Health Center Presentation – Brianna Donaghy, NP & Y. Whitesell

Ms. Donaghy and Mrs. Whitesell reported the 2017-2018 school year was very successful for the School Based Health Center as both the medical provider visits and the Riverside mental health visits were higher than they've ever been. Ms. Donaghy noted the school designed and implemented a comprehensive health education program, screened the entire sophomore class to prevent substance abuse, hosted a flu clinic, and more throughout the year.

Item 7. Vocational Department Presentation – Craig Allen & John Mitchell

7.1 Mr. Allen and Mr. Mitchell said they are continuously working to upgrade the curriculum for all grade levels. Mr. Allen teaches the freshmen and sophomores the basics of electrical work and spends time working to incorporate more realistic, challenging projects for students. Mr. Mitchell teaches the juniors and seniors. He builds off the foundation Mr. Allen builds by diving deeper into the Electrical Code and teaching industrial motor control and other topics. The Electrical program currently has 15 seniors and they expect 12 to take advantage of co-op educational opportunities this year.

Item 8. Interim Director of Construction/Facilities Report – Ted Morin

8.1 Mr. Morin noted he came aboard in August and complimented the Facilities department for their work. Over the summer, the Facilities department completed two new art rooms, created a new behavioral resource center, relocated the technology department, reworked the old art room into a science laboratory, and refreshed the Advanced Manufacturing and Fabrication program. He also reported the front entrance sign is expected to be installed on Tuesday, September 25th weather permitting.

Item 10. Facilities Subcommittee Report – J. Lavin

This item was moved to an earlier point in the meeting as the report was closely related to the Interim Director of Construction/Facilities report. Mr. Lavin thanked Mr. Morin for stepping into the position. He noted the Subcommittee did not complete a tour at their last meeting due to discussions about solar energy with the solar representatives.

Mr. Yitts asked if it was possible to get an outlet in the softball dugout before the spring. Mr. Morin answered the process was more difficult than expected according to the District electrician, but they are looking into solutions.

Finally, Mr. Lavin reported the Subcommittee is still looking into solutions for the aging snow plow fleet and will have a plan of action for the winter before the season begins.

Item 9. Asst. Supt. for Finance/Operations – K. Johnson

9.1 There were no line item transfers in need of approval.

9.2 There were no donations in need of approval.

Dr. Fitzpatrick noted the audit has been completed and Mr. Johnson is hopeful the auditing report will be available in time for the Committee's next meeting.

Item 11. Assistant Superintendent-Director's Report – A. Steele

11.1 Mr. Steele reported the school was recently awarded the Boston Globe's Markham Award for having the highest winning percentage in all athletic competitions in the division with a 67.13 percent win record. The Beavers finished ahead of Whittier Tech. It was the seventh Markham Award in the last 11 years. Mr. Steele recognized Mrs. Michele Denise's incredible work with the sports program and noted the athletics department is ever growing and high performing.

11.2 Mr. Steele presented an out-of-state field trip request for the Culinary Arts program to travel to Portland, Maine.

11.2.a. On a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Intinarelli, it was voted to grant preliminary approval for the Culinary Arts program's senior class trip to Portland, Maine May 16-18, 2019.

11.3 The Senior Class Officers presented a preliminary out-of-state field trip request to Washington, D.C. for their senior class trip. Katie Houskeeper, Andrew Regan, and Emma Heintz presented a proposal for an overnight trip to the nation's capital. It would begin with ice

cream and games while the students' bags are checked by chaperone. Then students would board a bus for an overnight drive to the city. Once in the city, several tours and events are planned. The total cost for the trip is \$255 per student.

On a motion by Mr. Lavin, seconded by Mr. Intinarelli, it was voted to award contingent approval to the Senior Class for their planned Senior Class Trip to Washington, D.C.

Item 12. Superintendent-Director's Report – M. Fitzpatrick

12.1 Dr. Fitzpatrick noted the District received notification the school was one of two high schools in Massachusetts to be named a top 25 school in the nation for innovation. The case study written as a part of the award was shared with the Committee.

Dr. Fitzpatrick also shared a letter and certificate the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network presented to the students and staff for their work raising more than \$15,000 for the organization in honor of former HVAC&R instructor and football coach Mr. Derek Yancik.

12.2 Dr. Fitzpatrick shared the Delineation of Subcommittees and asked that members speak to the Chair with any questions or concerns.

12.3 A calendar of proposed School Committee meetings for the next calendar year was shared with the Committee.

12.4 Dr. Fitzpatrick presented the Committee with a list of FY19 Team Leaders.

12.5 Dr. Fitzpatrick presented suggested goals for the Superintendent-Director for Fiscal Year 2019 and asked that members speak to the Chair or himself with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

12.6 Notifications of retirement and resignation for Suzanne McDermott and Catherine Maynard were shared.

12.7 Dr. Fitzpatrick shared correspondence to Massachusetts State Senator Michael O. Moore regarding the DOT signage that was removed from Interstate 495 several years ago.

Item 13. New Business

There was no New Business in need of discussion.

Item 14. Items for the Good of the Committee

The monthly compilation of news clippings and correspondence was made available for the School Committee's review.

Item 15. Next Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Three Seasons Restaurant.

Item 16. Meeting Closure

16.1 The meeting was declared closed by the Chair at 7:36 p.m.

16.2 On a motion by Mr. Lavin, seconded by Mr. Yitts, it was voted to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Listing of Materials used in the meeting:

- Item 2 Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 16, 2018
- Item 3 Treasurer's Reports July 31, 2018 and August 31, 2018
- Item 6 School Based Health Center Data
- Item 11.2.a Out-of-State Field Trip Request – Portland, Maine
- Item 11.3 BVT Two Day Washington D.C. U.S. History Tour Preliminary Itinerary
- Item 12.1 Public Education Advocacy Group Honors Innovative School Districts Press Release
- Item 12.2 FY18 Delineation of Subcommittees
- Item 12.3 Proposed School Committee Meeting Calendar 2019
- Item 12.4 Preliminary FY19 Team Leader Appointments
- Item 12.5 Superintendent-Director's Goals FY2019
- Item 12.6 Letters of Resignation/Retirement – Catherine Maynard and Suzanne McDermott
- Item 12.7 Senator Moore Correspondence – DOT Signage
- Item 14 Items for the Good of the Committee

Respectfully submitted by,

Anthony M. Yitts, Secretary