

**Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee was in the BVT School Cafeteria. The following members, staff and others were present:

Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury
Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham, Chairman
Gerald M. Finn of Millville, Vice Chairman
Anthony Yitts of Grafton, Secretary
Paul J. Braza of Milford
Julie H. Mitchell of Sutton
James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge
Dennis Braun of Mendon

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Kurtis Johnson, Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations
Barbara Auger, Treasurer

Amy Sutherland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent:

Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale
John C. Lavin, III of Douglas
Jeff Koopman of Northbridge
David R. Bartlett of Upton

A moment of silence was held for the recent passing of School Committee member John Lavin's mother.

Item 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Hall.

Item 2. Secretary's Report – A. Yitts

2.1. On a motion by Mr. Yitts, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the Regular School Committee meeting of May 21, 2020 and to accept the minutes as presented.

2.2. On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mr. Braza, it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the Special School Committee meeting of June 1, 2020 and to accept the minutes as presented.

Item 3. Treasurer's Report – B. Auger:

The Treasurer's report was presented dated May 31, 2020. The report reflected an ending balance of \$8,734,192.34 for Total Funds, including \$1,387,548.73 in Project Funds, and \$7,346,643.61 in Local Funds. On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to approve the May 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented.

3.1 The School Committee was presented with the Right-To-Borrow paperwork. On a motion by Mr. Broderick, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to move to allow the District Treasurer authorization under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16 (G) as amended by Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1972, and with the approval of the Chairman of

the District Committee to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and to issue a note as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17.

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

4.1. Rebecca Ashmore, a junior from Grafton in the Electronics and Engineering program was recognized as the Region 2 Delegation Finalist as part of Massachusetts delegation at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.

Item 5. Policy Subcommittee Report – C. Hanratty/A. Steele

5.1. Revised Policies:

5.1.a. The School Committee received the District Policy Changes 2020-2021 dated June 5, 2020 for Section JICA-R – Proper Dress with the added term “Business Casual.” On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mr. Finn, it was unanimously voted to accept the district policy change for Section JICA-R as recommended.

5.1.b. The School Committee received the District Policy Changes 2020-2021 dated June 5, 2020 for Section JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited with the added term “edible narcotics” to the list of prohibited items. On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to accept the district policy change for Section JICH as recommended.

5.2. Handbook Approvals:

5.2.a. Revised 2020-2021 Practical Nursing Student Handbook - The School Committee received the PN Student Handbook general changes. The recommended changes were discussed with the policy subcommittee. On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mr. Finn, it was unanimously voted to accept the general changes to the PN Student Handbook.

5.2.b. Student Financial Information Handbook Practical Nursing Program. The School Committee received the 2020-2021 Practical Nursing Program Student Financial Information Handbook. On a motion by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to accept the 2020-2021 Practical Nursing Program Student Financial Information Handbook.

Item 6. Asst. Supt. For Finance/Operations – K. Johnson

6.1. Mr. Johnson presented a series of year-end line item transfers. On a motion made by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hanratty, it was unanimously voted to transfer available funds from the accounts noted in the handout in order to provide funding for the following: school choice tuition charges (not anticipated in the original Cherry Sheet estimates); state retirement system charges (above the amount originally budgeted); the purchase a new scoreboard (for the athletic practice field); a projector for the competition center (for instructional and professional development purposes); and the replacement of 16 year-old carpeting in the Digital Learning Commons.

6.2. The School Committee received notification of a financial donation from Ross and Irene Trenholm to be used in the counseling department to continue addressing mental health needs of the students. On a motion by Mr. Finn, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to accept the donation from the Trenholm family.

6.3. School Committee members were provided with a summary of the FY20 Grant approvals. To date there is a total of \$2,839,332.00. This includes the FEMA (COVID-19) Grant in the amount of \$5,331.00.

6.4. Martha Pellegrino presented the Annual Wellness Report for 2019-2020. The goals and objectives for 2019-2020 were provided which included student and employee wellness along with initiatives. There was also information provided about the wellness program assessment for FY20-22. Included in the packet was the BMI Yearly Comparison Chart. The numbers provided showed that 70% of our students were in the healthy weight category while students in the obese category have decreased to 13.30%. The schools total BMI data was shown in a pie chart.

Item 7. Assistant Superintendent-Director Report – A. Steele

7.1 End-of-Year Procedures – Assistant Superintendent Steele informed the members that the End-of-Year Procedures for seniors had been completed. The supplies from the underclassman will be collected at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

7.2. Out -of-State Trip Approval:

7.2.a. School Committee members received an Out-of-State-Trip approval requested from Ray Lehner for the Aviation Club scheduled for April 7, 2021 through April 14, 2021. On a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Finn, it was unanimously voted to conditionally approve the Aviation Club Trip for April 7, 2021 through April 14, 2021.

Item 8. Signatory Authorization – J. Hall

8.1. On a motion made by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hanratty, it was unanimously voted to empower the Superintendent-Director, Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, as an authorized signatory for the Regional School District for the school year 2020-2021 as it pertains to District contracts, grants, and other legally binding documents between the District and any/all outside agencies.

8.2. On a motion made by Mr. Finn, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, it was unanimously voted to empower Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Kurtis W. Johnson, as an authorized signatory for the Regional School District from July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 as it pertains to District purchase orders, contracts, grants, and other legally binding documents between the district and any/all outside agencies.

8.3. On a motion made by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mr. Broderick, it was unanimously voted to empower the Business Manager, Lorna Mangano, as an authorized signatory for the Regional School District for the school year 2020-2021 as it pertains to District purchase orders, contracts, grants, and other legally binding documents between the District and any/all outside agencies.

Item 9. Budget Report – J. Mitchell

9.1. A status report indicating budget approval standings and updated town meeting dates was shared and reviewed by the Committee.

9.2. Finance Committee Presentations/Meetings:

9.2.a. There was a meeting with the Uxbridge Finance Committee on May 28, 2020. There was a favorable vote of the budget by the Finance Committee.

9.2.b. The Town of Sutton held their Finance Committee meeting on June 9, 2020. The Committee was in support of the budget as presented.

9.3. Annual Town Meeting Actions – M. Fitzpatrick

9.3.a. The Town of Blackstone voted in favor of the budget on May 26, 2020.

9.3.b. The Town of Uxbridge voted in favor of the budget on June 17, 2020.

The Town of Millville will be holding their Town Meeting outside on June 22, 2020. The time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. Member Finn will be attending. The Town of Mendon passed the override.

Item 10. New Business

10.a. The School Committee is in receipt of a Regional Transportation Fund Transfer. On a motion by Mr. Braza, seconded by Mr. Hanratty, it was unanimously voted to approve the transfer of \$220,078 of Chapter 71 Transportation Reimbursement revenues from the General Fund to the Regional Transportation Reimbursement Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, Section 16 C.

10.b. The School Committee received notification of a resignation (email dated June 17, 2020) from Katie Holmes effective June 30, 2020.

10.c. BVT received a donation from Unibank in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Item 11. 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 12. Next Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting – J. Hall

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Item 13. Executive Session Per MGL Chpt. 30 A, Section 21 (a) #3

On a motion made by Mr. Hanratty, seconded by Mr. Broderick, a roll call vote was taken at 7:32 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to approve executive session minutes and discuss status of Collective Bargaining per MGL Chpt., Section 21(a)#3 as discussion in an open session would be detrimental to the District.

The roll call was as follows:

Joseph A. Broderick	aye
Chester P. Hanratty	aye
Joseph M. Hall	aye
Gerald M. Finn	aye
Anthony Yitts	aye
Paul J. Braza	aye
Julie H. Mitchell	aye

James H. Ebbeling aye
Dennis Braun aye

On a motion made by Mr. Broderick, seconded by Mr. Yitts, a roll call vote was taken to come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Joseph A. Broderick aye
Chester P. Hanratty aye
Joseph M. Hall aye
Gerald M. Finn aye
Anthony Yitts aye
Paul J. Braza aye
Julie H. Mitchell aye
James H. Ebbeling aye
Dennis Braun aye

13.1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes – On a motion made by Mr. Yitts, seconded by Mr. Braza, it was voted to accept but not release the Executive Session minutes of March 5, 2020 as written.

13.2. Collective Bargaining Status Report – Discussed in Executive Session.

Item 14. Decide: Release Status of Executive Session Minutes of 03/05/20

On a motion made by Mr. Yitts, seconded by Mr. Braza, it was voted to accept but not release the Executive Session minutes of March 5, 2020 as written.

Item 15. Meeting Closure

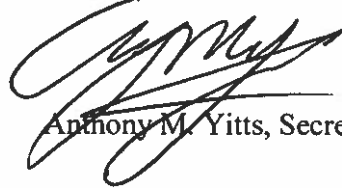
On a motion by Mr. Broderick, seconded by Mr. Yitts, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and the meeting was declared closed by the chair.

Listing of Materials Used in the Meeting:

Item 2.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 21, 2020
Item 2.2. Special School Committee Minutes (6/1/20)
Item 3.0 Treasurer's Report
Item 3.1. Treasurer's Right-to-Borrow
Item 5.1.a. Proper Dress: JICA-R
Item 5.1.b. Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited: JIC
Item 5.2.a. Revised 2020-2021 Practical Nursing Student Handbook
Item 5.2.b. New: 2020-2021 Practical Nursing Financial Handbook
Item 6.1. Year-End Line Item Transfers
Item 6.2.a. Supplies & Materials (Social Emotional)
Item 6.3. Summary FY20 Grant Approvals
Item 6.4. Annual Wellness Assessment
Item 7.2. Out-of-State Trip Approval
Item 8.1. Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Signatory Authorization
Item 8.2. Kurtis W. Johnson, Asst. Supt. For Finance/Operations
Item 8.3. Lorna M. Mangano, Business Manager

- Item 9.1. Annual Town Meeting Status Report
- Item 10.a. Regional Transportation Fund Transfer
- Item 10.b. Resignation Notification
- Item 10.c. UniBank Donation
- Item 11. Items for the Good of the Committee

Respectfully submitted by,



Anthony M. Yitts, Secretary