

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA  
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
June 30, 2022

The regular meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by Chairman Paul Jennings, with the following persons in attendance: Fr. Jay Mello of Fall River, Donald DiBiasio of Somerset and Jeffrey Begin of Swansea.

Rajiv Nehra of Fall River and Joan Menard of Fall River, were absent.

Also in attendance were: Elvio Ferreira, Superintendent/Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Paul Kitchen, Director of Finance, Gregory Brillhante, Legal Counsel and Helena Neves, Executive Secretary.

Mr. Jennings called for the roll call.

Mr. Jennings made the following announcement: In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any member of the public may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting. A member of the public who wishes to record a meeting must first notify the chair and must comply with reasonable requirements regarding audio or video equipment established by the chair so as not to interfere with the meeting. Mr. Matos provided notification that he was recording.

Mr. Jennings called for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Charles R. Menard, Jr., Ms. Menard's husband.

Mr. Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the June 16, 2022 minutes and approved them, as recorded.

There was no Citizen Input

Attorney Brillhante stated that the internal candidate for the LPN Director position has withdrawn their application. Attorney Brillhante stated that the waiver process does not apply to the Director's position and someone needs to be appointed as soon as possible to fulfill the Board of Registration in Nursing requirements. Attorney Brillhante recommended the Committee consider allowing Administration to seek an Interim LPN Director and re-post the position.

Mr. Jennings asked if the current job posting indicated the salary and what the salary was for the former director.

Dr. Ferreira stated that the salary was not included in the posting. The former director's salary was \$107,000 annually.

Mr. DiBiasio suggested that the District look at a headhunter company to post.

Mr. Begin suggested posting to other platforms.

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Dr. Ferreira requested clarification if a part time interim position would be considered.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to allow Administration to seek an Interim LPN Director with a salary not to exceed \$107,000. Salary to be prorated and adjusted in accordance with hours worked.

Dr. Ferreira asked the Committee how they would like to invoke the Bypass list. The Bypass list allows an additional 10 spots to be offered to student applicants above the 365 acceptances.

There was a discussion on the Bypass list and how to offer the 10 additional spots in a fair and transparent way. Sending Communities will be notified if a Bypass spot will place them over their regional agreement number for student acceptances.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Fr. Jay and voted unanimously to offer the 10 additional spots by invoking the Bypass list. The 10 spots are to be offered to students on the master wait list using the following ratio: Fall River – 4 spots, Somerset – 2 spots, Swansea – 2 spots and Westport – 2 spots.

Mr. Kitchen provided an overview of the FY22 Budget Summary.

Mr. Kitchen provided an overview on the expenditure request.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve all expenditures as submitted

Mr. Kitchen provided an overview on the Surplus of Equipment and Materials.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the request to Surplus the equipment and materials as submitted.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the use of facilities request by the Diman PTO to use the Student Parking Lot on Sunday, September 25, 2022 for their Car Show Scholarship Fundraiser and waive the use of facilities fee.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the use of facilities request by the Diman PTO to use the Gymnasium on Saturday, November 5, 2022 for their Craft Fair Scholarship Fundraiser and waive the use of facilities fee.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously to approve the use of facilities request by Mr. Myles Brilhante to use the Gymnasium and the bathroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 5, 2022 through August 18, 2022 and to waive the use of facilities fee.

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The next meeting will be August 11, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously on a roll call at 5:55 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for the following:

- a. Approve May 24, 2022 Minutes
- b. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a), paragraph 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel:  
*Individual Contracts – LPN Director*

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Mr. Begin and voted unanimously on a roll call at 6:02 p.m. to rise into Open Session. Mr. Jennings, Mr. Begin, Fr. Jay, Mr. DiBiasio voting yes. Ms. Menard and Dr. Nehra were absent.

It was moved by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Fr. Jay and voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Helena S. Neves*  
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**Materials Included:**

June 16, 2022 Minutes  
FY22 Budget Summary  
Expenditures  
Equipment and Materials Surplus list