

# Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

## Budget Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes January 19, 2023

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Gerald Finn of Millville  
Chester Hanratty of Millbury  
Christopher Pilla, District Treasurer  
Lorna Mangano, Business Manager

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director  
Anthony Steele, Asst. Superintendent-Principal  
Nicole Ferguson, Assistant Business Manager

#### **Members Absent:**

Edward Cray of Mendon

Joseph Hall of Bellingham

#### **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 5, 2023 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

*Motion:* On a motion moved by Mr. Hanratty to approve the Budget Subcommittee meeting minutes of January 5, 2023 as written, seconded by Dr. Fitzpatrick; motion voted and unanimously approved.

#### **Agenda items**

Mr. Finn opened the meeting with a follow-up question from the prior meeting regarding electricity usage. Ms. Mangano explained that estimated usage has increased by 600,000 kWh, as the FY23 Budget estimated usage of 2,300,000 kWh, and the FY24 Budget estimated usage of 2,900,000. Dr. Fitzpatrick explained that the process of investigating cost effective strategies is underway, in order to better understand the actual usage increase in FY23. A brief discussion ensued regarding electricity usage. The District will continue to monitor changes, investigate further, and provide an update at a later date.

In closing, based on anticipated state revenue projection delays, Ms. Mangano presented two revisions to the approved budget sub-committee meeting dates, for both revenue projection discussions and the Budget Public Hearing. Dr. Fitzpatrick noted that meetings with town finance committees are currently being scheduled, with the following meetings already confirmed

- March 1, 2023 - Mendon Finance Committee
- March 8, 2023 – Northbridge Finance Committee
- March 14, 2023 – Douglas Finance Committee

#### **Areas for follow-up:**

Mr. Finn's request for remedies to help offset the increase in electricity usage

Open Item at this time

#### **Adjournment**

*Motion:* to adjourn made by Mr. Hanratty at 5:47 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Mangano; motion voted and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nicole Ferguson, Recording Secretary