

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Budget Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes November 21, 2024

Members in Attendance

Gerald Finn of Millville
Edward Cray of Mendon
Tyler Bartlett of Upton
Christopher Pilla, District Treasurer
Nicole Ferguson, Business Manager
Jacqueline Raad, Assistant Business Manager

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Joseph Hall of Bellingham
Joseph Broderick of Blackstone
Anthony Steele, Asst. Superintendent-Principal
Jaime Patriarca, Assistant Business Manager

Members Absent

None

Guests in Attendance

Michele Denise, Vocational Coordinator

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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. Mr. Hall nominated Mr. Finn for chair, seconded by Mr. Cray. Then Mr. Cray nominated Mr. Hall vice-chair of the Budget Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Finn. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was voted and unanimously carried. Mrs. Ferguson nominated Ms. Raad as Recording Secretary, seconded by Mr. Finn. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was voted and unanimously carried.

Mr. Pilla presented the Debt budget (8000 Series) with a net increase of \$119,050 from the prior year. Anticipated debt is contingent upon the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) determination of eligibility for the Accelerated Repair Program, which is currently underway. The District has been invited to partner with MSBA in conducting a Schematic Design Study, to explore potential solutions to the building needs. Dr. Fitzpatrick assured all that we are processing the required forms and verifications to MSBA as a priority.

Next, Mrs. Ferguson directed attention to October 1st enrollment information. She noted the FY26 School Choice count is preliminary, pending updated information from DESE that will be available in December 2024. Mrs. Ferguson also asked subcommittee members to review the proposed budget meeting dates. Hearing no conflicts, Mr. Finn made a motion to approve the budget subcommittee meeting schedule as originally presented, seconded by Mr. Hall. The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn made by Mr. Finn at 5:53 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Hall; motion voted and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jacqueline Raad, Recording Secretary