

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Budget Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes November 20, 2025

Members in Attendance

Gerald Finn of Millville
Tyler Bartlett of Upton
Joseph Broderick of Blackstone
James Mitchell of Sutton

Anthony E. Steele II, Superintendent-Director
Matthew Connors, Assistant Superintendent
Nicole Ferguson, Business Manager
Christopher Pilla, District Treasurer
Jacquenette Raad, Assistant Business Manager
Jaime Patriarca, Assistant Business Manager

Members Absent

Joseph Hall of Bellingham
Edward Cray of Mendon

Guests in Attendance

Michele Denise, Principal

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mr. Steele in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

Agenda items

Mr. Steele opened the meeting with a recommendation to accept nominations for chair and vice-chair. Mr. Finn nominated Mr. Cray for chair, seconded by Mr. Broderick. Mr. Cray was not present to accept the nomination, confirmation to follow at a later date. Then Mr. Finn nominated Mr. Bartlett for vice-chair of the Budget Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Broderick. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was voted and unanimously carried. Mrs. Ferguson nominated Mrs. Patriarca as Recording Secretary, seconded by Mr. Broderick. Hearing no other nominations, the motion was voted and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Ferguson asked subcommittee members to review the proposed budget meeting dates. Hearing no conflicts, Mr. Pilla made a motion to approve the budget subcommittee meeting schedule as originally presented, seconded by Mr. Finn. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Pilla presented the Debt budget (8000 Series) with a net increase to short-term interest expense of \$295,000 when compared to the prior year, for Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs). The total bond amount is contingent upon the timeline and final cost of the roof repair which is currently underway with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Accelerated Repair Program (ARP).

Next, Mrs. Ferguson directed attention to October 1st preliminary enrollment information. She noted the FY27 enrollment count has yet to be validated, including the School Choice numbers, pending updated information from DESE which is typically available in December each year.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Jaime Patriarca, Recording Secretary