Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee
Regular Minutes of Special Meeting
April 2, 2026

A special meeting of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee was held at the school in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The following members, staff and others were present:

Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham, Chair
Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone
Mark J. Potter of Douglas (Zoom)
Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton
Edward D. Cray, III of Mendon (Zoom)
Paul J. Braza of Milford
Jan P. Hanratty of Millbury
Gerald M. Finn of Millville (Zoom)
James M. Mitchell of Sutton (Zoom)
Tyler D. Bartlett of Upton
James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge (Zoom)

Anthony E. Steele II, Superintendent-Director
Nicole M. Ferguson, Business Manager
Elise Bogdan, Recording Secretary

Members Absent:
Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale
Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge

Item 1. Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chair, Mr. Hall. Mr. Potter, Mr. Cray, Mr. Finn, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Ebbeling participated remotely via Zoom.

Item 2. 2024 MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Bid Approval – A. Steele

Superintendent-Director Steele presented the accelerated roof repair bids, including both the general contractor and subcontractor submissions, and reported that all bids were within the expected range, with no negative surprises. A summary of the bid process and submitted bids was included in the handout, along with the recommendation to award the contract to Silktown Roofing, LLC of Manchester, Connecticut, as the most responsible and eligible bidder, in the total amount of $2,521,389. This amount includes the general contractor work and the four (4) filed sub-bids, as detailed in the handout.

Mr. Steele noted that, in order to remain aligned with the MSBA timeline, prompt action is required. Although this matter would typically be addressed following the next School Committee meeting, staff requested that it be advanced, necessitating the scheduling of this special meeting to avoid delays in the project timeline. He further reported that the contract is currently under legal review by Marc Terry; while not yet ready for execution, approval is requested to proceed.

Discussion ensued regarding the bidders. It was noted that Silktown Roofing is a firm with which the District has previously worked and has found satisfactory. The listed subcontractors—Engineered Iron Works, Robert W. Irvine & Sons, Araujo Brothers, and Renaud Electric—were

also noted as firms with prior satisfactory experience.

Mr. Ebbeling disclosed that he is an employee of Renaud Electric and stated that he would abstain from the vote.

On a motion by Mr. Finn, seconded by Mr. Broderick, the School Committee voted to award the construction contract for the Roof Replacement project at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School to Silktown Roofing, LLC of Manchester, CT as the most responsible and eligible bidder, with a total bid of $2,521,389, inclusive of the filed sub-bids for Miscellaneous and Ornamental Metals, Plumbing, Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning (HVAC), and Electrical work. Mr. Ebbeling abstained. The motion carried.

Item 3. March 12, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes Approval

On a motion by Mr. Yitts, seconded by Mr. Braza, the School Committee voted to waive the reading of the Budget Subcommittee minutes of the March 12, 2026 Public Hearing and to approve the minutes as written. The motion was adopted.

Item 4. New Business

4.a. On a motion by Mr. Braza, seconded by Mr. Broderick, the School Committee voted to approve a field trip request for members of DECA to travel to Atlanta, GA, from April 25, 2026, to April 29, 2026, to attend the International Competition. The motion was adopted.

4.b. On a motion by Mr. Broderick, seconded by Mr. Hanratty, the School Committee voted to approve a field trip request for members of the Robotics team to travel to Springfield, MA, from April 15, 2026, to April 18, 2026, to attend the FIRST New England District Championship Competition. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Steele informed the Committee that Robotics Advisor Mr. Norton has been nominated for the Woodie Flowers Award, established by the founder of FIRST. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding mentorship and long-term dedication. Mr. Norton has been involved with FIRST for approximately 30 years.

Next Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting - J. Hall

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on April 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Item 5. Meeting Closure:

5.1. The Chair, Mr. Hall, declared the meeting closed at 6:10 p.m.

5.2. On a motion by Mr. Broderick, seconded by Mr. Braza, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Listing of Materials Used in the Meeting:
Item 2.0. Suggested Motion: 2024 MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Bid Approval
Item 3.0. Budget Subcommittee Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2026
Item 4.a. Out-of-State Field Trip Request: DECA
Item 4.b. Overnight Field Trip Request: Robotics

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony M. Yitts
Secretary

Signed original on file in the Central Office.