

Vocational Education Advisory Committee

New Information January 2016

High Needs Population

	Minuteman	Assabet	Nashoba
Economically disadvantaged	19.2%	20.7%	19.2%
Students w/ disabilities	50.8%	33.6%	32.7%
English Language Learners	.3%	1.4%	0%

Key Performance Indicators

Key performance indicators	Minuteman	Assabet	Nashoba
Student/teacher ratio: 2014/2015	8.5: 1	10.4:1	12.6:1
Accountability level: 2014 Level 1 is highest of 5	Level 2	Level 2	Level 1
Graduation rate: 2014/2015	90.54%	95.24%	98.08%
Academic Attainment Language Arts: 2014/2015	93.21%	92.86%	95.48%
Academic Attainment Math: 2014/2015	68.52%	76.37%	76.13%
Technical Skill Attainment: 2014/2015	98.26%	97.92%	100%

Financial: In District

	Minuteman	Assabet	Nashoba
In-District Tuition FY2016	\$27,224	\$11,000 to \$14,000	\$10,000 to \$14,000
Cost per pupil (2013)	\$26,246	\$18,252	\$15,104
Cost of administration per pupil (2013)	\$2,203	\$951	\$774
Cost of administration % of total (2013)	8.39%	5%	5%

Financial: Out-of-District FY2016

	Minuteman	Assabet	Nashoba
Out of District Tuition (SPED & Transportation not included)	\$17,556	\$16,587	\$15,000
Charge for Capital (FY2017)	\$8,121 Per student	\$0	\$0
Cost of transportation out of district -out sourced	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
Cost to buy-in	N/A	N/A	TBD

Stay at Minuteman

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of a District • Guaranteed access for qualified students • Seat on the School Committee • State of the Art Building once the funding approved & building completed • Excellent Technical programs • Connections to legacy of parents and siblings; Acton classmates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher cost per pupil • Capital assessment to non-member Towns is not guaranteed • Congested commute via Route 2 • Accreditation is in jeopardy given current condition of the building • If building project fails, member Towns pay for renovations with no state contribution

Stay at Minuteman: Amended Agreement

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessment of minimum of one student versus five student	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed Amended Agreement includes a wealth factor: more expensive for BoxboroughProposed Amended Agreement reduces Boxborough's weighted vote on the School Committee

Minuteman: FY2017 Preliminary estimate (revised)

Assessment	Estimated
<u>Operating Costs</u>	
Minimum required Contribution	\$108,137
Transportation	\$8,624
Operating Assessment	\$48,144
Capital	\$16,614
Total Assessment	\$181,519
Per pupil cost (based on 5 students)	\$36,304

Minuteman Assessment

Assessment	FY2017 16 Member Current Agreement	FY2020 10 Member Towns Amended Agreement	FY2020 16 Member Towns Current Agreement
Minimum Required Contribution	\$108,137	\$75,535	\$82,665
Transportation	\$8,624	\$11,742	\$9,813
Operating Assessment	\$48,144	\$41,568	\$35,553
Capital Assessment	\$16,614	\$82,422	\$49,183
Total Assessment	\$181,519	\$211,268	\$177,214
Enrollment	5	5	5
Per pupil cost	\$36,304	\$42,254	\$35,443

FY2020 includes capital for new building

Minuteman Assessment Property taxes

Assessment	FY2017 16 Member Current Agreement	FY2020 10 Member Towns Amended Agreement	FY2020 16 Member Towns Current Agreement
Per pupil cost	\$36,304	\$42,254	\$35,443
Per household Per pupil*	\$19.52	\$23.14	\$19.41
Per household @ 5 students	\$97.59	\$115.68	\$97.03
Per thousand Per pupil*	.1778	.1950	.1635

FY2017 based on \$1.021 Town valuation and average house value of \$548,900

FY2020 based on 2% growth in Town valuation and average house value of \$593,300

Leave Minuteman: Seek to join Nashoba

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower cost per pupil • All inclusive: tuition, transportation, SPED and capital • Less congested commute as compared to MM • Excellent Technical programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty of membership • Buy-in cost: amount unknown • School in transition: search for new Superintendent • Re-hab of older building 2004 • Could take several years before the Town becomes a member

Enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement

- ▶ Neither Assabet nor Nashoba have an IMA with any sending non-member Towns
- ▶ Under an IMA the Town designates a “preferred” vocational school
- ▶ The preferred vocational school holds a specific number of slots open for Boxborough students, provided they qualify for admission, access and costs negotiated
- ▶ Pay out-of-district tuition plus the cost of transportation plus SPED and capital (if charged)
- ▶ No reimbursement for the cost of transportation by the state

Do not join a District – go it alone

- ▶ Could designate a “preferred” school provided the Town gives clear and timely notice to students and their families well in advance
- ▶ Students could go to a school other than a “preferred” school if the preferred school does not offer a specific program
- ▶ Pay out-of-district tuition plus the cost of transportation plus SPED and capital (if charged)
- ▶ No reimbursement for the cost of transportation by the state

Do not join a District: If Assabet were the Preferred School

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower cost per pupil • Less congested commute as compared to MM • Rehab of building completed October 2015 • Excellent Technical programs • LPN Post graduate program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town arranges for and pays for Transportation • No reimbursement for transportation by the State • No guaranteed access for <u>qualified</u> Boxborough students

Transportation

Out-of-District

Transportation: Out-of-District

- ▶ Town responsible for transportation if not a member of a District
- ▶ No State reimbursement for transportation
- ▶ Options:
 1. Purchase and operate van
 2. Outsource
 3. Piggy back w/ another Town
 4. Reimburse parents for mileage

Estimated Cost of Transportation

Options	Cost
Purchase and operate a van	\$25,000
Outsource	\$36,000
Piggy back with another Town	<\$36,000
Reimburse parents for mileage	\$2,643 Per student

What's in the best interest of the students?

- ▶ Town is a member of a District
- ▶ Retain a voice on the School Committee
- ▶ Qualified students have a guaranteed place and access to programs
- ▶ Stability of administration and services
- ▶ Favorable student/teacher ratio
- ▶ State of the art facilities and programs
- ▶ School accreditation
- ▶ Reasonable commute time
- ▶ Well informed about choice of voc ed

What's the financial impact on taxpayers?

	Minuteman In-District New Agreement	Assabet Out-of-District Estimate	Nashoba Out-of-District Estimate
Per pupil cost	\$42,254	\$28,200	\$26,700
Per household Per pupil*	\$23.14	\$15.16	\$14.36
Per household @ 5 students	\$115.68	\$75.80	\$71.80
Per thousand Per pupil*	.1950	.0276	.0261

Based on \$1.021B Town valuation
and average house valuation of \$548,990

Thank you!