

Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2016
8:00 a.m.
Boxborough Town Hall

PRESENT: Susan Bak, Hugh Fortmiller, Anne McNeece, Brigid Bieber, Gary Kushner

Additional Attendees: Cheryl Mahoney, Tracey Sierra

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. The Comparison Report was reviewed, and it was agreed that it is comprehensive and should stand as written.
2. The FAQ document was finalized. It was confirmed that the R.J.Grey Minuteman Program would continue even if Boxborough were to leave the district
3. Brigid brought figures on transportation costs. It was agreed that if we were to send students to more than one Voc Tech school we would need separate transportation for each student. Transportation options include:
 - a. Buy a van and provide our own drivers. There would need to be a town employee to manage this.
 - b. Outsource to a transportation company.
 - c. Piggy back with another town.
 - d. Reimburse parents for mileage.
4. We reviewed/revised the slide presentation.
5. Questions:
 - a. What are AB SAT numbers?
 - b. Could we leave the district and rejoin if it didn't work out? Would there be a penalty?
6. The best option for students would be to be part of a district where qualified students would be guaranteed a seat.
7. The price to tax payers on a per pupil basis would be:
 - a. Minuteman: 46,763 - \$25.14 per household - .0458 per thousand
 - b. Assabet: \$28,200 - \$15.16 per household - .0276 per thousand
 - c. Nashoba: \$26,700 - \$14.36 per household - .0261 per thousand
8. It would cost approximately \$10.00 more per household per student to continue to send our students to Minuteman rather than one of the other two choices .
9. The minutes of the January 4th meeting were accepted.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Anne McNeece