

Vocational Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2015

7:00 a.m.

Boxborough Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m.

The minutes of the July 29th meeting were accepted as written.

Documents discussed included materials in the included updated Sudbury report, questions sheet, information sheet on surrounding vocational schools, and comparison data sheets.

New questions to be answered include:

1. What do other towns that are not district members do?
2. What is Wayland planning to do if they leave the Minuteman District?
3. Would we want to become part of another district if we continue to send so few students to vocational school?
4. How difficult would it be to join another district if we wanted to?
5. Could we join Minuteman or another district using an IMA (Inter Municipal Agreement)?

Decided:

1. We will continue to look at the following schools:

Nashoba Tech, Minuteman, Assabet Regional, and Montachusett Regional (Monty Tech)

(The superintendent at Greater Lowell said that choice students can apply but that they don't get in.)

2. The Committee should interview the head of the School Committee and the Superintendent about their understanding of the district agreement. We will do this in October.

3. We will interview Minuteman parents and students.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Anne will determine the NEASC position on the other Voc. Ed. Schools we are looking at.
- Gary will work on answers to financial questions surrounding sending students to various schools with and without district membership.
- Susan will continue to update comparison data, administrative issues, and will ask if the BOS has additional questions for our committee.
- Hugh will be liaison with Vince, now that he is our Minuteman Representative.
- Anne will write up questions to interview parents/students about their Minuteman experiences.
- Susan will send draft IMAs.

The next meetings of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee will be September 8th, & September 18th at 7:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anne McNeece