

Meeting Minutes

Vocational Education Options Working Group (VEOWG)

February 9, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Peter Braun, *Selectman*

Laura Sander, *Finance Committee*

Becky McFall, *Superintendent – Lincoln Schools*

Mr. Braun convened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the meeting, which was focused on preparing for the upcoming public forum and rescheduling the Keefe and Minuteman site visits.

Mr. Braun then reviewed events and information since the last meeting, including: a VEOWG status report delivered to the Board of Selectmen by Mr. Braun, Ms. Sander, and Mr. Higgins on February 8; the Sudbury Community Forum (attended by Mr. Braun and VEOWG member Patti Mostue); the revelation at the Sudbury meeting, and confirmed by Minuteman, that Ch. 70 funds would be paid to an out-of-district sending town; and the rescheduling to later in February of five of the other towns' special town meetings due to the snow storm yesterday. The VEOWG requested that Ms. McFall clarify the per-student Ch. 70 amount that Lincoln would receive if it becomes an out-of-district sending town.

Public Forum

The Group confirmed its outline for the presentations for the February 11th Public Forum:

Basic Overview & Background	Peter Braun	
Financial Considerations	Laura Sander	
Educational Comparisons	Becky McFall & Patty Mostue	Patty will be unavailable for the forum but will participate in STM presentation

Presentation PowerPoint Slides

The VEOWG reviewed an initial draft of slides prepared by Mr. Braun and Ms. McFall. Ms. Sander reported on the status of her slides. It was agreed to combine all slides into one file. It was agreed that Ms. McFall's presentation would include impressions from the site visits. It was also agreed that the attendees would be requested to hold questions until the presentation was completed, that the emphasis would be on presenting facts and responding to factual questions (as opposed to debating the pros/cons), and that answers to questions that could not be adequately immediately would be deferred

until the Special Town Meeting. It was also acknowledged that it would be important to state that the VEOWG is not anti-Minuteman and that not being a district member is a widely-used approach to vocational education by other towns.

Hand-outs at Public Forum

The VEOWG agreed that 40 copies would be made available of: the FAQ memo, the school comparison table, the FY'20 cost comparison, the Assabet and Nashoba site visit reports, and a one-page summary of the slides (that Mr. Braun offered to create).

Visits to Other Schools

It was agreed that Ms. McFall will try to reschedule the Keefe and Minuteman site visits for February 12 and 22, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.