

**Board of Selectmen  
Charge to  
Vocational Education Options Working Group (VEOWG)  
January 11, 2016**

Background & Charge

The School Committee of Minuteman Regional High School has approved certain amendments to the Regional Agreement that include the opportunity for seven specific member-Towns, including Lincoln, to withdraw from the District unilaterally by a Town Meeting vote taken on or before March 1, 2016. The Lincoln Board of Selectmen has called a Special Town Meeting to be held on February 23, 2016 to consider whether to withdraw, as well as whether to accept the amendments.

The VEOWG is being formed by the Board of Selectmen to assist the Town in determining whether its interests are best served by: (1) remaining a member of the Minuteman Regional High School District and enabling Lincoln students to attend Minuteman at Lincoln's expense based on assessment under the Regional Agreement; or (2) withdrawing from the District and making arrangements to enable Lincoln students to enroll at Minuteman or another vocational high school at Lincoln's expense on a non-member, tuition-paying basis.

The VEOWG shall prepare a report that describes the advantages of the various options. The report should include an analysis of the relevant educational, financial, practical, and legal considerations. The VEOWG shall conduct interviews and site visits and access data and resources as it deems appropriate.

Membership:

The membership of the VEOWG will be comprised of the following individuals:

- A member of the Board of Selectmen
- A member of the Finance Committee
- An At-Large citizen member who shall have a background in education
- The Superintendent of the Lincoln Schools
- The Town Administrator

The Committee shall elect its own Chair.

Timetable:

The report shall be submitted to the Selectmen not later than February 8, to allow time for review by the Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, and other relevant policy boards and presentation to the public in advance of the February 23 Special Town Meeting.

Open Meeting & Public Records Requirements:

The VEOWG, acting as an advisory special committee to the Board of Selectmen, is subject to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. It shall conduct its affairs in an open and transparent manner, post notice of its meetings (including an agenda), keep minutes, and maintain its records in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

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D. Noah Eckhouse, Chairman

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