

# **Minuteman Regional High School**

Sudbury Town Forum

October 23, 2014

## **Background:**

- Sudbury is one of sixteen member towns currently in the Minuteman Regional District
- The Minuteman school building requires substantial capital improvements
- The current regional agreement requires capital costs be paid by member communities but not out of district towns
- Member towns have refused to fund capital improvements under the current agreement
- A new regional agreement has been submitted for consideration by member towns

## Why are we talking about this?

### Sudbury must decide at May 2015 Town Meeting:

- Should Sudbury approve the new regional agreement?
- Should Sudbury withdraw from the Minuteman District?

Contained within those two questions is the bigger issue:

### What is the best vocational option for Sudbury students?

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## Considerations

- Out of district (OOD) students (50%) making no contribution to capital costs
- Legislated decrease to the tuition costs for OOD students in the future
- Design enrollment (628 students) of proposed new school
- Ability to withdraw from the district under the proposed agreement—this was practically impossible before, and we may never have the chance again.

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## More Considerations

- Capital fees for OOD students? Maybe?
- Conditions under which Sudbury could withdraw from the district, but send students on a tuition basis, are not defined
- Suitability of other vocational schools for Sudbury students

What is the most cost effective vocational option for Sudbury students?

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## A non-consideration

- Students who have been accepted into the Minuteman program are guaranteed the right to complete their four-year course of study.
- Our decision, whatever it may be, does not jeopardize students enrolled in the program.

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## Next Steps

- Vocational Education Options Committee (VEOC) evaluates alternatives
- VEOC makes a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to present to Sudbury Annual Town Meeting in May of 2015. This recommendation will be ready in December of 2014.
- The Selectmen determine their best course and present that to Town Meeting for approval.

## Minuteman Regional High School

### Four Year Enrollment (including AM and PG students)

|                 | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| In District     | 430        | 409        | 439        | 415        |
| Out of District | 355        | 340        | 359        | 333        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>785</b> | <b>749</b> | <b>798</b> | <b>748</b> |

|      |     |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| %OOD | 45% | 45% | 45% | 44% |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

|         |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|
| Sudbury | 23 | 18 | 22 | 25 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|

(AM students attend vocational classes only.  
PG students attend post-graduate programs.)

### Sudbury Minuteman Assessment

|           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2011      | 2012      | 2013      | 2014      |
| \$195,489 | \$338,031 | \$274,416 | \$444,837 |

Prior to the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Minuteman proposed a new school for 800 students. In June of 2014, Superintendent Bouquillon of Minuteman proposed a **628-student school** on behalf of the Minuteman School Committee.

2014 Sudbury Annual Town Meeting considered the proposed amendment to the regional agreement (Article 27). The Finance Committee opposed this article, and the Board of Selectmen moved to Indefinitely Postpone, which Town Meeting approved.

As of June 2014, it's reasonable to expect an in-district enrollment decrease of about 70 students based upon the withdrawal of member towns under the terms of the amended agreement.

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### **Decisions by other communities**

#### Would Withdraw:

Wayland, Dover Boxborough, Weston, Lincoln, and Carlisle.

Lancaster is still considering.

#### Would Stay:

Acton, Arlington, Concord, Lexington, Needham

Bolton is still considering, but endorsed the amended regional agreement.

#### Undetermined:

Belmont, Stow, and Sudbury

All three of these communities have between 15 and 35 students at Minuteman.

### Minuteman Enrollment as of Sept 23 2014

|               | Gr 9 | Gr 10 | Gr 11 | Gr 12 | AM12 | PG01 | PG02 | TOTALS |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|
| Acton         | 6    | 9     | 1     | 10    |      | 3    |      | 29     |
| Arlington     | 30   | 49    | 28    | 39    |      | 5    | 2    | 153    |
| Belmont       | 4    | 9     | 8     | 8     |      | 2    |      | 31     |
| Bolton        | 2    | 4     | 2     | 2     |      |      |      | 10     |
| Boxborough    | 2    |       | 2     |       |      | 1    |      | 5      |
| Carlisle      | 1    | 3     | 3     | 1     |      |      |      | 8      |
| Concord       | 7    | 3     |       | 2     |      | 3    | 1    | 16     |
| Dover         | 1    |       | 1     | 1     |      |      |      | 3      |
| Lancaster     | 8    | 10    | 9     | 5     |      |      |      | 32     |
| Lexington     | 8    | 11    | 10    | 11    | 3    | 1    |      | 44     |
| Lincoln       | 1    | 2     | 1     |       |      |      | 1    | 5      |
| Needham       | 3    | 12    | 4     | 6     |      | 2    |      | 27     |
| Stow          | 5    | 4     | 5     | 4     |      | 1    |      | 19     |
| Sudbury       | 8    | 5     | 8     | 3     |      |      | 1    | 25     |
| Wayland       | 1    |       |       | 2     |      |      | 1    | 4      |
| Weston        | 2    | 2     |       |       |      |      |      | 4      |
| TOTALS        | 89   | 123   | 82    | 94    | 3    | 18   | 6    | 415    |
|               |      |       |       |       |      |      |      |        |
|               | Gr 9 | Gr 10 | Gr 11 | Gr 12 | AM12 | PG01 | PG02 | TOTALS |
| Andover       |      |       | 1     | 1     |      |      | 1    | 3      |
| Bedford       | 2    | 1     |       | 1     |      |      | 1    | 5      |
| Billerica     | 2    | 5     | 5     | 4     |      | 3    |      | 19     |
| Boston        | 1    | 8     | 5     | 2     | 2    |      |      | 18     |
| Brookline     | 1    | 3     |       |       |      |      |      | 4      |
| Burlington    |      |       | 1     | 1     |      | 1    |      | 3      |
| Cambridge     |      |       | 1     | 2     |      |      |      | 3      |
| Chelmsford    |      |       |       |       |      | 3    |      | 3      |
| Dedham        |      |       | 1     | 1     |      |      |      | 2      |
| Dorchester    | 3    | 4     | 1     | 6     | 1    |      |      | 15     |
| Everett       | 1    | 2     | 1     | 2     |      |      |      | 6      |
| Hanscom AFB   |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Harvard       |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Hudson        |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Hyde Park     |      | 1     |       |       | 1    |      |      | 2      |
| Ipswich       |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Littleton     |      |       | 1     |       |      |      |      | 1      |
| Lowell        |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Malden        | 3    | 2     | 1     | 1     |      |      |      | 7      |
| Maynard       | 2    |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 3      |
| Medford       | 8    | 8     | 15    | 13    |      | 1    | 1    | 46     |
| Melrose       |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| N. Andover    | 1    |       |       |       |      |      |      | 1      |
| N. Billerica  | 1    |       |       |       |      |      |      | 1      |
| Natick        |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Newton        | 1    | 1     | 1     |       |      |      |      | 3      |
| North Andover |      |       |       | 1     |      |      |      | 1      |
| Reading       |      | 1     | 1     | 3     |      |      |      | 5      |
| Revere        |      | 1     |       |       |      |      |      | 1      |
| Roslindale    |      |       |       |       | 1    |      |      | 1      |
| Roxbury       |      |       |       |       | 2    | 1    |      | 3      |
| Salem         |      |       |       |       |      | 1    |      | 1      |
| Saugus        |      | 2     |       |       |      |      |      | 2      |
| Somerville    | 2    |       |       | 1     |      | 2    |      | 5      |
| Southboro     |      |       |       | 1     |      |      |      | 1      |
| Stoneham      | 1    |       |       | 1     |      |      |      | 2      |
| Tewksbury     |      |       |       |       |      |      | 1    | 1      |
| Wakefield     | 1    | 1     |       |       |      | 2    |      | 4      |
| Waltham       | 8    | 13    | 12    | 17    |      | 4    |      | 54     |
| Watertown     | 15   | 5     | 28    | 16    |      |      |      | 64     |
| Wellesley     |      |       | 3     | 3     |      |      |      | 6      |
| West Roxbury  |      | 2     | 1     | 1     |      |      |      | 4      |
| Wilmington    |      | 2     |       |       |      |      |      | 2      |
| Winchester    | 2    | 1     |       |       |      |      |      | 3      |
| Woburn        | 5    | 2     | 8     | 2     |      | 4    |      | 21     |
| TOTALS        | 60   | 65    | 87    | 80    | 7    | 30   | 4    | 333    |
|               |      |       |       |       |      |      |      |        |
| GRAND TOTALS  | 149  | 188   | 169   | 174   | 10   | 48   | 10   | 748    |

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| Characteristic / school   | Minuteman (FY2015 PRELIMINARY) | Assabet Valley      | Nashoba Valley      |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>   | <b>748</b>                     | <b>1030</b>         | <b>720</b>          |
| <b>MEMBER STUDENTS</b>  | <b>415</b>                     | <b>730</b>          | <b>690</b>          |
| <b>OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION</b>  | <b>333</b>                     | <b>300</b>          | <b>0</b>            |
| <b>OUT-OF-DISTRICT C.H.O.I.C.E.</b>   | <b>?</b>                       | <b>?</b>            | <b>30</b>           |
| <b>TEACHERS</b>   | <b>71</b>                      | <b>98</b>           | <b>52</b>           |
| <b>MEMBER ENROLLMENT %</b>  | <b>55%</b>                     | <b>71%</b>          | <b>96%</b>          |
| <b>NON-MEMBER ENROLLMENT %</b>  | <b>45%</b>                     | <b>29%</b>          | <b>0%</b>           |
|   |                                |                     |                     |
| <b>ENROLLMENT MEMBER/NON-MEMBER</b>   | <b>55%/45%</b>                 | <b>70%/30%</b>      | <b>95.8%/4.1%</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL FY2015 BUDGET</b>  | <b>\$19,645,065</b>            | <b>\$18,400,000</b> | <b>\$12,241,899</b> |
| <b>AVERAGE FY2015 BUDGET TOTAL ENROLLMENT PPC (PER PUPIL CONTRIBUTION) FOR ALL STUDENTS (LESS TRANSPORTATION)</b> | <b>\$25,247</b>                | <b>\$17,427</b>     | <b>\$16,586</b>     |
| <b>MEMBER PPC</b>   | <b>\$30,209</b>                | <b>\$17,758</b>     | <b>\$17,337</b>     |
| <b>NON-MEMBER PPC (TUITION AND SPED FEES)</b>   | <b>\$19,063</b>                | <b>\$16,622</b>     | <b>\$5,984</b>      |