



Article 35: Sense of the Meeting

BECOMING A VOC/TECH SCHOOL MEMBER TOWN

History

- Town voted in 2016 to leave Minuteman
 - Declining voc/tech enrollment
 - Increasing costs
 - New building
- Since then, students have had a choice:
 - Assabet
 - Minuteman
 - Nashoba

Currently

- 12 Boxborough students applied for 2022-2023 school year
- None were accepted at Assabet, Minuteman, or Nashoba
- One student was accepted at Essex but is not attending

Costs

- Tuition
 - Generally, \$17-\$20K per student
 - Rates determined by DESE
 - May be extra costs for IEPs (\$6K-\$9K)
- Transportation
 - \$32-\$38K per school
- Potential capital assessment

Implications of Not Being a Member Town

- Students can go to any school in which they are accepted
- We could pay transportation for multiple schools
- Students have less of a chance of being accepted
- Transportation times might be very long

Benefits of Voc/Tech Education

- Educational choice
- Learn a trade
- Prepare for further training or education
- Not all students thrive at ABRHS

What's Next if We Vote Yes?

- SB will form a committee
- Committee will determine availability and costs to join as a member town
- Will present options at a future TM

What's Next if We Vote No?

- Town will continue to pay costs for any student accepted into a school
- Students may not get a placement and will go to ABRHS

Please Vote Yes

Show our students that we care about their future by giving them opportunities to learn in an environment that is best for them.

We, as a society, are better when our students graduate with skills and learning that prepare them for their next step, whatever that may be.