

## Foxborough Regional Charter School

## **Finance and Facilities Meeting**

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#### **Date and Time**

Friday November 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM EST

## **Meeting Format**

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## **Agenda**

			Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	Оре	ening Items			8:00 AM
	A.	Record Attendance		Matthew Yezukevich	1 m
	В.	Call the Meeting to Order		Matthew Yezukevich	1 m

			Purpose	Presenter	Time
	C.	Privilege of the Floor		Matthew Yezukevich	1 m
II.	Fina	ance			8:03 AM
	A.	FY26 Budget Review	Discuss	Matthew Yezukevich	15 m
	В.	Fiscal Policy and Procedure	Discuss	Matthew Yezukevich	30 m
III.	Clo	sing Items			8:48 AM
	A.	Review and Approval of Minutes	Vote	Matthew Yezukevich	15 m
		<ul><li>June 6, 2025</li><li>June 13, 2025</li><li>September 12, 2025</li><li>September 19, 2025</li><li>October 9, 2025</li></ul>			
	В.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Matthew Yezukevich	1 m

The listed matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

## Coversheet

## FY26 Budget Review

Section: II. Finance

Item: A. FY26 Budget Review

Purpose: Discuss

Submitted by:

Related Material: Sept 2025 Projections Rolled Up.xlsx

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## Coversheet

## Fiscal Policy and Procedure

Section: II. Finance

**Item:** B. Fiscal Policy and Procedure

Purpose: Discuss

Submitted by: Related Material:

FRCS Fiscal Policies and Procedures final 09 08 2025 w Changes.pdf Copy of Summary of Financial Policies and Procedures Handbook changes.docx



# Fiscal Policies & Procedures

Adopted By the Board of Trustees

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## 100\_INTRODUCTION

In 1993, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enacted Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 71, Education Reform Act, Section 89, which authorized the establishment of charter schools within the Commonwealth. Additionally, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1997 required each charter school to keep an accurate account of all its activities and provide for an annual independent audit of its financial statements. The Board of Trustees, acting as public agents authorized by the Commonwealth, are responsible for management of the school, which includes developing and adopting fiscal policies and procedures.

In an effort to achieve and ideally surpass these requirements, the Trustees of the Foxborough Regional Charter School have developed this Policies and Procedures manual.

The Board of Trustees acknowledges the guidance provided by the Massachusetts Department of Education during the development of this document. For further information please see "Massachusetts Charter School Recommended Fiscal Policies and Procedures Guide" (November 2005) issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education. "Massachusetts Charter

School Recommended Fiscal Policies and Procedures Guide" (November 2005) issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

#### \_\_101\_ Scope and Organization

This manual consists of three sections: Part I contains the recommended policies; Part II contains the recommended procedures; and the Appendices contain the Chart of Accounts and sample forms.

### \_\_102\_Purpose of <del>Polices</del>Policies and Procedures Manual

- A. The Policy and Procedures Manual is the official document for the accounting and administrative functions conducted by the Foxborough Regional Charter School.
- B. The Policy and Procedures Manual provides standards and directives for sound management and promotes consistent, prudent financial and administrative practices. It also provides guidance to the school in the application of various federal and Massachusetts laws and regulations and the Department of Education's requirements for the administration of grants and contracts awarded by the U.S. Government and other funding sources.
- C. The Policy and Procedures Manual is used in conjunction with and referenced to the Foxborough Regional Charter School's existing personnel policy manual, job descriptions and other policy manuals maintained by the school.

## \_\_\_103\_ Amending the Guide

This document contains the essential fiscal policies and procedures for the Foxborough Regional Charter School, as of the above date of promulgation. From time to time, as additional matters require changes to this document, the management of the Foxborough Regional Charter School shall amend this essential document.

#### PART I – POLICIES

#### 200 INTERNAL CONTROL POLICIES

The Foxborough Regional Charter School, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, is required to establish and maintain adequate accounting records and internal control procedures. Internal control consists of five components: control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, and monitoring. The objectives of internal control relate to financial reporting, operations, and compliance.

The Foxborough Regional Charter School and all levels of management are responsible for preventing and detecting instances of fraud and related misconduct and for establishing and maintaining proper internal controls that provide security and accountability of the resources of the school. Management is also responsible for recognizing risks and exposures inherent to these areas of responsibility and for being aware of indications of fraud or related misconduct.

Any employee with a reasonable basis for believing fraudulent or related misconduct has occurred should report such incidents to the designated authorities within the school (Executive Director, Director of Finance) or the Office of the Inspector General as stated in M.G.L Chapter 12A, §14 'Complaints by public employees; investigation.' As such, in addition to this manual, the Trustees have promulgated and published a separate "Fraud Detection and Mitigation Policy" document. The reader is referred to this document for further information relative to the Trustees' specific policies and procedures pertaining to detecting and preventing episodes of fraud.

Internal control policies provide the Foxborough Regional Charter School with the foundation to properly safeguard its assets, implement management's internal policies, provide compliance with state and federal laws and regulations and produce timely and accurate financial information. The following policies highlight the areas of internal control that the Foxborough Regional Charter School has considered:

#### \_\_201\_ Compliance with Laws

The Foxborough Regional Charter School will follow all the relevant laws and regulations that govern Charter Schools within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additionally, U.S. Government laws and regulations that relate to grant funding will be adopted as the grant funding is received. The following are specific policies of the Foxborough Regional Charter School:

## A. Political Contributions

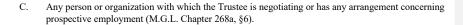
\_No funds or assets of the Foxborough Regional Charter School may be contributed to any political party or organization or to any individual who either holds public office or is a candidate for public office. The direct or indirect use of any funds or other assets of the Foxborough Regional Charter School for political contributions in any form—, whether in cash or other property, services, or the use of facilities—is strictly prohibited. The Foxborough Regional Charter School also cannot be involved with any committee or other organization that raises funds for political purposes.

1	Following are examples of prohibited activities:
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	B. Record Keeping
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_	To provide an accurate and auditable record of all financial transactions, the school's books, records and accounts are maintained in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as required by the Commonwealth's statutes, applicable to Charter Schools.
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1. 2. 3.	and accounts are maintained in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as required by the Commonwealth's statutes, applicable to Charter Schools.  Further, the school specifically requires that:

## 202 Organizational Conflict of Interest or Self-Dealing (Related Parties)

The Foxborough Regional Charter School may not be operated for the benefit of an affiliated or unaffiliated organization or an individual in his or her own private capacity or individuals related to the Foxborough Regional Charter School or members of its management, unless the private benefit is considered merely incidental\_incidental. The Foxborough Regional Charter School will follow M.G.L. Chapter 268A and M.G.L. Chapter 71, §89(v) conflict of interest laws and disclosures which restrict public officials and employees from taking advantage of their position to gain improper benefits for themselves, relatives, their associates, or their friends. The law also restricts board members from voting on matters affecting their financial interest and limits the circumstances under which they can receive anything of value because of their official position. A board member may not vote or enter into any discussion if one of the following groups will receive financial benefit:

- A. The Trustee, his/her immediate family, or his/her business partner;
- A business organization in which the Trustee is serving as an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee; or



A. Sale or exchange, or leasing, of property between the school and an affiliated or unaffiliated organization or a private or related individual.

B. Lending of money or other extension of credit between the school and an affiliated organization (excluding component units) or unaffiliated organization or a private or related individual.

C. Furnishing of goods, services or facilities between the school and an affiliated organization (excluding component units) or unaffiliated organization or a private or related individual.

D. Payment of compensation, unless authorized by the Board of Trustees or its governing body, by the school to an affiliated or unaffiliated organization or a private or related individual.

E. E. Transfer to, use by, or for the benefit of a private or related individual of the income or assets of the school.

Thus, the Foxborough Regional Charter School will be guided by the principle of arms-length standards with all affiliated or unaffiliated organizations or with a private or related individual(s). Annually, the

Thus, the Foxborough Regional Charter School will be guided by the principle of arms-length standards with all affiliated or unaffiliated organizations or with a private or related individual(s). Annually, the Board of Trustees will file a financial disclosure form as required by M.G.L. Chapter 71, section 89(v).

Related party transactions shall include transactions between a school and members of the board, management, contracted management organization, employees, related individuals and affiliated companies. Related individuals within the scope of this definition include spouses, parents, children, spouses of children, grandchildren, siblings, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and brother-in-law of a board member or school employee.

### \_203\_ Board of Trustees Authorities

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the operation of the Foxborough Regional Charter School in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.71, §89 and all other state and federal laws and regulations and conditions as the Board or Commissioner of Education may establish from time to time. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for operating the school in accordance with the representations made in its charter school application submitted to and approved by the Board of Education.

Specifically, the Board of Trustees shall have the sole authority to approve and will incorporate into its own minutes such matters as (i) change of the School's name, with the Department of Education's Charter School office approval (ii) adoption of the annual operating and capital budgets, (iii) selection or termination of key employees (iv) key employees' Executive Director(iv) Executive Director salary and

salary changes, (v) incurrence of debt, mortgages or other encumbrances and their covenants and restrictions, within the terms of the charter (vi) investment policies, (vii) depository and investment banks, (viii) purchase or sale of property (ix) opening up or closing checking or savings accounts, and (x) selection of the Foxborough Regional Charter School's certified public accountants and (xi) other activities associated with the operations of the Foxborough Regional Charter School.

The Board of Trustees will meet regularly to ensure that its fiduciary duty is maintained. The Board will review the following: prior meeting minutes, business items, educational items, subcommittee reports, Executive Director report, new business and other items. For additional guidance on the regulatory and statutory obligations of a Board of Trustees, please refer to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education's publication, *The Charter School Administrative and Governance Guide: An Overview of the Laws and Regulations that Boards of Trustees and Charter Schools Need to Know*, which can be found at

http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/governance.http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/governance.

#### 204 Signature Authorities

To properly segregate duties within the Foxborough Regional Charter School, the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director of Finance, Director of Teaching and Learning, the Director of Students and Families and the Director of Operations are the only individuals with signatory authority. Individual checks require dual signatures prior to check issuance. The Director of Finance, along with the approval of the Treasurer of the Board, is responsible for authorizing all cash transfers between bank accounts. Payroll is transacted thruthrough Harpers Payroll and checks are signed by a Harpers Payroll corporate officer.

#### 205 Government Access to Records

The Director of Finance will provide access to the Foxborough Regional Charter School's records if requested to the Comptroller General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or his designee and provide supporting records, as requested by government auditors, to facilitate the completion of such audits or reviews in a timely manner.

## \_\_\_206\_ Security of Financial Data

- A. The school's accounting software should be reviewed to ensure that general and application controls to unauthorized access to data is precluded (i.e., proper password protection and authorizations for inquiry or browse only functions.)
- B. The system's accounting data is backed up daily by <u>cloud software</u> AccuFund Online Services to ensure the recoverability of financial information in case of hardware failure. Specifically, AccuFund provides daily backup of software, which is kept for five days. Weekly Friday data is kept for four weeks and the last day of month data is kept for twelve months.
- C. All other financial data, petty cash box, unused checks and unclaimed checks are secured by the Director of Finance from unauthorized access.

## \_\_\_207 Security of School Documents

Originals of the following corporate documents are maintained and their presence is verified on a periodic basis:

- A. Charter and all related amendments
- B. Foxborough Regional Charter School by-laws
- C. Minutes of the Board of Trustees and subcommittees
- D. Banking agreements
- E. Leases
- F. Insurance policies
- G. Vendor invoices
- H. Grant and contract agreements
- I. Fixed asset inventory list
- J. Contracts

## \_\_208\_ Use of School Assets

School employees should not use any of the school's assets for personal use without prior approval of the Board of Trustees and with proper justification.

#### \_\_\_209\_ Use Of School Credit Cards

Foxborough Regional Charter School credit cards should only be used following the formal FRCS Credit Card Use Policy and with proper justification and approval by the Director of Finance. The cost/benefit to the Foxborough Regional Charter School should be fully reviewed to ensure that no other method is

appropriate. A credit card is assigned to the Director of Finance and should be used only for school-related expenditures. All charges must be supported by invoices or travel reports to be eligible for payment by the Foxborough Regional Charter School.

Monthly credit card statements are reconciled to invoices and travel reports and are approved by the Foxborough Regional Charter School Executive Director, unless not deemed independent; then the approval would be performed by the Director of Finance.

#### 300 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Charter schools are granted a charter by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under MGL Chapter 71, §89. Charter schools are considered *special purpose government entities* that engage in *business type activities*, and all of the financial activity of the school is recorded in an enterprise fund within the proprietary fund group. As such, the accounting policies and financial reporting adopted by the school should be consistent with a special purpose governmental entity that engages in business type activities. The Board of Trustees has oversight of the management of a charter school inclusive of establishing the governance structure and the financial management policies as set forth in the charter school application.

## \_\_301\_ Basis of Accounting

The Foxborough Regional Charter School will maintain its accounting records and related financial reports on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### \_\_302 Accounting Policies

The accounting policies and financial reporting adopted are consistent with the special purpose governmental entity requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), including Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. GASB is the recognized standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, the school has elected to apply the provisions of all relevant pronouncements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

#### \_\_303 Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Foxborough Regional Charter School are organized as a special purpose governmental entity that engages in *Business-type Activity*, which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and expenditures. The Foxborough Regional Charter School uses the following fund:

Enterprise Fund - This fund of the Foxborough Regional Charter School is used to account for all financial resources associated with the operation of the school.

Note on Component Units: All non-profit agencies associated with the Foxborough Regional Charter School should be evaluated during the planning stage of the audit to determine if they should be included as a component unit of the school. If they are considered a component unit, then all of their financial

information should be reported in conjunction with the Foxborough Regional Charter School's financial statements and accounted for in accordance with *GASB No.'s 14 and 39*. If they do not meet the criteria of a component unit, then all the transactions incurred between the non-profit and the School should be evaluated as related party transactions and disclosed in accordance with GAAP and the *Guide*. DOE requires that all related party transactions, whether material or immaterial, be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### \_\_\_304 Revenues

Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to special purpose governmental units.

#### \_\_\_305 Expenditures

Under the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized when services are incurred or goods are received.

#### \_\_\_306\_ In-Kind Expenses

The school recognizes services that are donated, if these services would have been purchased by the school if not donated (e.g., transportation). These expenses are recorded when incurred.

#### \_\_307\_ Incurred Costs

— \_\_\_\_\_For the purpose of invoicing funding sources for allowable costs under cost reimbursement grants or contracts; the term "costs incurred" is defined as follows: costs related to items or services incurred directly for the grant or contract and received at the time of the request for reimbursement and not specifically disallowed by the funding source.

#### 308 Cash Management

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A. The school maintains cash accounts at the following banks:

- 1. Payroll Harpers Payroll
  - 2.1. Operating Eastern Bank
  - 3-2. Investment Eastern Bank
  - 4.3. Depository Foxboro Federal Savings Bank One Local
  - 5.4. Money Market Rockland

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B. A schedule of aged accounts and grants receivable is prepared monthly and reviewed by the Director of Finance for collection. Appropriate collection procedures are initiated, if necessary.

309. Accounts Receivable Aging Criteria

Accounts receivable outstanding are aged on a thirty, sixty, ninety, and over-ninety day basis.

310. Grant/Contract Invoicing

In accordance with state finance regulation 815 CMR 2:00, section 2.05 (4)(b), Grant Effective Start Date, grant recipients may expend state, federal, and other grant funds only as of the date their grant (the Standard Contract Form) was executed by the authorized signatory of the Department of Education. In the case of the Department of Education, this means the date that the grant is entered as approved into the Department of Education's grants management system. (GEMS).

A. All invoices are submitted to the funding sources by dates specified in the grant or contract agreement.

B. B. The invoicing format is that specified by the funding source.

The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall follow, to the extent possible, M.G.L. Chapter 44

 ${\it Municipal\ Finance}$  in regards to purchasing investments.

#### \_312 Budgets

- A. The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall prepare an annual operating budget of revenues and expenses, a cash flow projection, and a capital budget. These budgets and projections shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting and modified, as necessary.
- B. In the event that budgets need to be adjusted, the Director of Finance will initiate a request for a budget transfer with the appropriate Director following Foxborough Regional Charter School's Budget Transfer Request Policy and using the Budget Transfer Request Form.
- C. Financial statements displaying budget vs. actual results shall be prepared by the Director of Finance and reviewed by the Treasurer and presented to the Board of Trustees at each monthly board meeting.

#### \_313 Insurance and Bonding

A. The school maintains minimum levels of coverage, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees for the follow policies:

1. General liability—

2. \_\_\_\_Business & personal property (including auto/bus)—\_\_\_\_

3. Computer equipment—

4. Workers' compensation

5. Personal injury liability

6. Unemployment

7. Fidelity bond

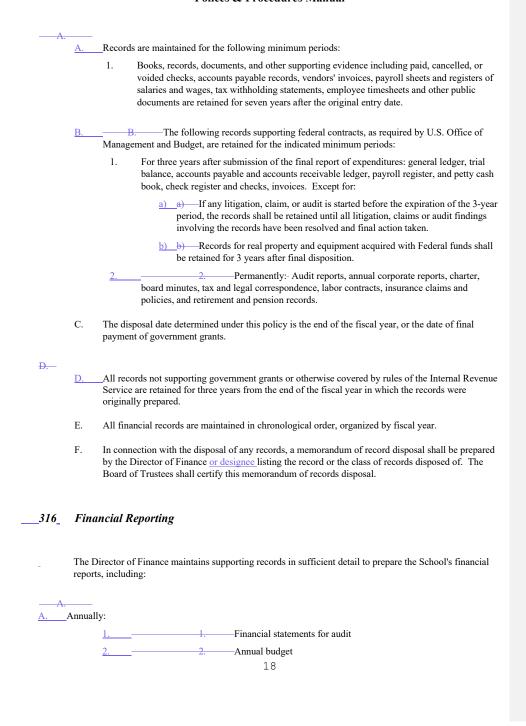
Board Insurance\_\_\_\_

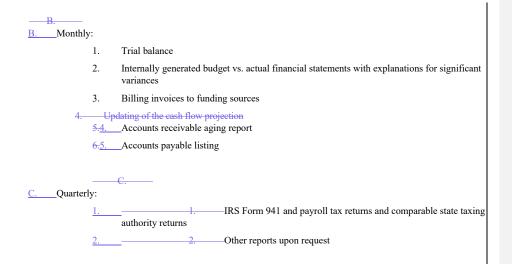
B. The school requires proof of adequate insurance coverage from all prospective contractors, as deemed applicable by the Board of Trustees.

## \_\_314\_ Massachusetts Teacher Retirement System

The Massachusetts Teacher Retirement System (MTRS) is a contributory retirement system designed to provide benefits to Massachusetts teachers and administrators per MGL Chapter 32. Staff members employed by the school who are eligible for membership are required to join the system. See <a href="http://www.mass.gov/mtrb/http://www.mass.gov/mtrb/">http://www.mass.gov/mtrb/</a> for full details about eligibility, required payroll deductions and reporting deadlines.

## \_315 Record Retention and Disposal





#### \_\_317\_ Audit

The Board of Trustees shall contract annually with a qualified independent certified public accounting firm to conduct an audit of the Foxborough Regional Charter School's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, 2003 Revision (GAS) and, if applicable, the *U.S Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-133*. The selected audit firm must be familiar with these standards, related Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Charter School regulations, and the *Massachusetts Charter School Audit Guide* (which can be found at <a href="http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/charter">http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/charter</a>), in order to properly conduct

http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/charter), http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/charter), in order to properly conduct the audit engagement.

#### 318 Audit/Finance Committee

The Board of Trustees shall appoint an audit/finance subcommittee. This subcommittee will nominate the independent auditor and review the scope and results of the audit. The audit/finance subcommittee also receives notice of any consequential irregularities and management letter comments that the auditor noted during the engagement. Additionally, the subcommittee will develop a corrective action plan to address all relevant weaknesses noted by the auditor. The audit/finance subcommittee will also review all financial information of the Foxborough Regional Charter School and provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

#### \_\_319\_ Chart Of Accounts

The chart of accounts of the Foxborough Regional Charter School are noted in *Appendix* A. The chart of accounts will assist schools in managing their operations, preparing financial statements and also facilitating their preparation of the *End of Year Financial Report* as required by the *Massachusetts Charter School Audit Guide*.

400_	POLICIES RELATED TO ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS
401_	Assets
	Economic resources that are recognized and measured in conformity with generally accepted accountin principles. Assets also include certain deferred charges that are not resources, but are recognized an measured in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The following sections describ policies related to the recognition of assets.
402_	Bank Accounts
	Bank accounts for the indicated purpose(s) and limitation(s) have been authorized by the Board of Trustees of the School at the indicated Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or Depository Insurance Fund of Massachusetts (DIFM) insured banks:
	Name of BankPurpose/Limitation of Account
	Eastern Bank Savings and Checking
Accounts/U	Unlimited (FDIC/DIFM)  Foxboro Federal One Local Savings/\$250,000
(FDIC)	Rockland Money Market (Parent Payment)
403_	Petty Cash Payments
——A <u>A.</u>	Currently, no Pretty Cash account exists accounts exist. However, in the event that a Petty Cash account is ever put into place, the following procedures shall be instituted. Petty Cash payments shall be made from a fund not to exceed \$150, and should be for cash advances, local expense reimbursement eimbursement, and small-dollar vendor purchases, provided proper documentation is furnished with each request. No individual payment shall be greater than \$75.
——В	. The Petty Cash account shall be balanced on a monthly basis by the Petty Cash custodian. The replenishment check is made out to "(Custodian's name) – Petty Cash Custodian" on an as needed basis.
404_	Criteria for Capitalizing and Depreciating for Property and Equipment  All tangible personal property with a useful life equal to or more than three years and a unit acquisition cos
	of \$55,000 or more is capitalized and recorded in the statement of net assets. Depreciation associated with the fixed asset will be calculated based on its useful life and straight-line depreciation method. The depreciation expense will be recorded in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets.

## \_\_405\_ Impairment of Assets

A recognized impairment of an asset is reflected when circumstances warrant. The appropriate adjustment is made for any impaired assets, accompanied by a description of the impaired asset and the measurement assumptions used in determining the impairment. All impairments shall be reported to the Board of Trustees for approval of the adjustment to the fixed asset subsidiary ledger.

## \_\_406\_ Betterments

Expenditures for significant betterments of existing leased/owned properties are recorded in fixed assets at cost. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation associated with the betterment will be calculated based on its useful life and straight-line depreciation method. The depreciation expense will be recorded in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets.

#### \_\_407\_ Liabilities

Economic obligations that are recognized and measured in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Liabilities also include certain deferred amounts that are not obligated, but are recognized and measured in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The following sections describe policies related to the recognition of liabilities.

#### \_408 Accounts Payable

Only valid accounts payable transactions based on documented vendor invoices, receiving reports, or other approved documentation are recorded as accounts payable.

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Vendors and suppliers are paid after goods and/or services are delivered. If cash flow problems exist, payments are made on a greatest dependency/greatest need basis.

#### \_\_410\_ Accrued Liabilities

Salaries, wages earned, and payroll taxes, together with professional fees, rent, and insurance costs incurred, but unpaid, are reflected as a liability when entitlement to payment occurs.

## \_411\_ Liability for Compensated Absences

A. \_\_Compensated absences arise from employees' absences from employment due to vacation leave or other school-designated circumstances. When the Foxborough Regional Charter School expects to pay an employee for such compensated absences, a liability for the estimated probable future payments is accrued if all of the following conditions are met:

The employee's right to receive the compensation for the future absences is vested or accumulates.

iii \_\_\_\_\_\_ It is probable that the compensation will be paid.

B. \_\_Compensated absences not required to be paid upon employee termination are only recorded when paid.

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The Teachers who are compensated over a 12-month period but earn their salary and benefits based on the school year (August XX to June XX) will have their earned compensation accrued for at the end of the fiscal year. Specifically, any portion of any teachers' salaries and benefits attributable to services rendered in the current fiscal year but paid for a school year that extends into the nextin the subsequent fiscal year (e.g., a twelve-month salary schedule from August 16<sup>th</sup>16 to August 15<sup>th</sup>15 of the following year) shall be accrued at the end of the fiscal year for which services were rendered. at fiscal year-end.

## \_413\_ Debt

- A. When applicable, short-term debt consists of financing expected to be paid within one year of the date of the annual audited financial statements. Long-term debt consists of financing that is not expected to be repaid within one year.
- B. \_\_All short-term and long-term debt is approved by the Board of Trustees and may not exceed the duration of the charter without the consent of the Board of Education.
- C. Loan agreements approved by the Board of Trustees should be in writing and should specify all applicable terms, including the purpose of the loan, the interest rate, and the repayment schedule.

#### \_414 Net Assets

- Net assets are recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to special purpose governmental units. Net assets include the following:
  - A. Unrestricted
  - B. Restricted
  - C. Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt

500	_COST ACCOUNTING POLICIES
501	Consistency in Cost Accounting
-	Practices used by the Foxborough Regional Charter School in estimating costs in grant/contract proposals shall be consistent with its accounting practices used in accumulating and reporting costs. Accounting practices used by the Foxborough Regional Charter School in accumulating and reporting actual costs shall be consistent with its practices used in estimating costs in its grant and contract proposals.
502_	Unallowable Costs
-	Costs expressly unallowable or mutually agreed to be unallowable; shall be identified in separate general ledger accounts and excluded from billings to a grant or contract with the respective funding source. Available guidance includes, but is not limited to, OMB Circular A-87 - Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribunal Governments, OMB Circular A-102 - Grant and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments, OMB Circular A-133 - Audits of State and Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations.
503_	Separate Records of Unallowable Costs
-	The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall maintain separate records of all expressly and mutually agreed upon unallowable costs.
504_	Cost Accounting Period
-	The fiscal year of the Foxborough Regional Charter School shall be July 1st through June 30th. The same accounting period is used for all adjusting entries and accruals.
505_	Gain or Loss on Disposition of Assets
-	Gains and losses from the sale or other <u>disposition disposition</u> of property shall be recorded as revenue in the year in which they occur; and shall be reflected as such on the <i>Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Assets</i> .

600	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT POLICIES
_601	Property and Equipment
	The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall maintain detailed records of all government-furnished property and equipment, with an identification and segregation of property and equipment acquired throu government contracts.
602_	Identification of Property
	The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall tag-all property upon receipt and shall assign an identification number to the property and all applicable documents.
603_	Recording and Reporting of Property
	A. The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall maintain a log identifying all propertyfixed assets in it possession, as follows:
1.	Name and description
2.	2. Serial number, model number, or other identification when possible
	3. Whether title vests with the Foxborough Regional Charter School or a governmental entity
3.	4. Vendor name, acquisition date, and cost
	5. Location and condition of the equipment
4.	6. Ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sales price or method of
604—	Physical Inventories  The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall perform a physical inventory of all property in its possessi or control on an annual basis.
<del>B.</del>	The physical inventory records shall include at a minimum each asset, the related control number, location, and a brief description of its condition.
С.	The physical inventory shall be reconciled to the detailed fixed asset subsidiary ledger, and differences, if
	any, shall be investigated and reconciled.
05_Dispo	osal of Property and Equipment
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A. No item of property or equipment shall be removed from the premises without prior approval from the <a href="Executive Director"><u>Executive Director</u></a>, Director of Finance and/or the Board of Trustees.

В.

The Foxborough Regional Charter School has adopted standard disposition procedures for the school staff to follow, which include an *Asset Disposal Form*, which identifies the asset, the reason for disposition, and signature of the requester. The form also allows for an identification of the asset's book value, condition of the asset, and supervisory approval or denial.

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C. When propertythe fixed asset is retired, the appropriate asset in the fixed asset subsidiary shall be adjusted and properly reflected in the general ledger.

### 700 PROCUREMENT POLICIES

### \_\_\_\_701 \_Procurement – Goods and Services —

The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall procure only those items and services that are required in order to perform the mission and/or fill a bona fide need. The Foxborough Regional Charter School is required to designate a procurement officer who must participate in the public purchasing official certification program conducted by the Office of the Inspector General.

Procurements shall be made using best value contracting which includes assessing the best value considering quality, performance and price. MGL, Chapter 30B is not required to be followed by Commonwealth Charter Schools, based on DOE *Technical Advisory 98-1: Procurement Guidelines for Commonwealth Charter Schools.* However, the school shall use a competitive procurement process, which requires sound business practices for purchases of less than \$510,000. The school will also select the best value by obtaining three written quotes for items greater than \$510,000 and less than \$2550,000. Finally, a formal bid process will be used for items greater than \$250,000; in which bids will be received and evaluated using a formal evaluation process. The School shall adhere to the following objectives:

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- Procurements will be completely impartial based strictly on the merits of supplier and contractor proposals and applicable related considerations such as delivery, quantity, etc.
- 2. Make all purchases in the best interests of the school and its funding sources.
- 3. Obtain quality supplies/services needed for delivery at the time and place required.
- 4. Buy from responsible and dependable sources of supply.
- 5. Obtain maximum value for all expenditures.
- Deal fairly and impartially with all vendors.
- Be above suspicion of unethical behavior at all times; avoid any conflict of interest, related
  parties or even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the Foxborough Regional Charter
  School supplier relationships.

A. B.—The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall execute a *Purchase Order* for all purchases and it. Purchases over \$5,000 shall be approved by the <u>Division Director</u>, the <u>Executive Director or Division Director</u>, and the Director of Finance.

B. C.—All lease agreements shall be evidenced by a lease or sublease agreement approved by the Board of Trustees and signed by the Executive Director. The agreement will identify all the terms and conditions of the lease. Any real estate agreement to rent or sell will require a beneficial interest disclosure as required in MGL Chapter 7, §40J and Board approval.

D. Only the following personnel are authorized to sign Contracts and/or Agreements on behalf of the School under the following circumstances:

1. Executive Director may sign any contract and/or agreement.

2. Deputy Director — may sign contracts and/or agreements directly related to Education activities, such as Field Trips, Assurances/

\_\_Grants and Special Education needs.

3. Director of Operations — may sign contracts and/or agreements directly related to Facilities, Food Service, Technology and Building Utilities.

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- 4. Director of Outreach & Development may sign contracts and/or agreements directly related to the Foundation.
- 5. Director of Finance may sign contracts and/or agreements directly related to School Insurances, Credit Applications, Student Council purchases and any other business related contracts and/or agreements.

Copies of all contracts and/or agreements must be forwarded to the Business Office, where they will be maintained.

### 702 Emergency Purchases

An "emergency purchase" is the purchase of goods or services that are so badly needed that the school will suffer financial or operational damage if they are not secured immediately. A decision to purchase may be declared in an emergency at the school's discretion and "best value" procurement guidelines must be followed. In addition, the purchase must be authorized by the Treasurer or the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

### 703 Procurement - Construction

The School is required to comply with certain laws while constructing a new facility or performing construction on its current facility. These laws include numerous federal and state laws inclusive of the Commonwealth's public bidding and prevailing wage laws. When undertaking construction or renovation projects, the school shall seek advice from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Occupational Safety regarding the applicability of these laws and also the advice of legal counsel regarding the specific construction project.

<u>Public Bidding Laws</u> - This law applies to the "construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair of any building by a public agency estimated to cost more than \$25,000" (M.G.L. c. 149, § 44A(2)). Charter Schools are considered public agencies under the statutes of the Commonwealth.

Prevailing Wage Statute - This law requires payment of a minimum hourly wage rate for certain classifications of labor performed on state and local construction projects. (M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26-27D2627D). The Division of Occupational Safety issues prevailing wage schedules for construction projectspro/kyjects covered by the prevailing wage statute and determines whether the prevailing wage statute applies to certain construction projects.

### \_704\_ Procurement – Educational Services

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Education must approve the terms of the contracts with individuals or organizations that provide "substantially all educational services" (M.G.L. 71, §89(j)(5). These contracts are not valid or in effect prior to receiving final approval from the Board of Education.

### 800 PAYROLL AND TRAVEL POLICIES

### \_\_\_801 Payroll Policies

- A. Employee Types/Schedules:
  - Year-Round Employees are paid on a 12-month, semi-monthly schedule from July 1<sup>st</sup> to the following June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - School Year Instructional Employees are paid on a 12-month, semi-monthly schedule from August 16<sup>th</sup> to the following August 15<sup>th</sup>. (Also see Section 412: Accrued Teachers' Salary.)
  - School Year Non-Instructional Employees are paid on a 10-month semi-monthly schedule from late August to late June.
- Employee's time is properly approved by both the individual and the supervisor and reported to the Business Office.
- C. All employee payroll amounts are calculated based upon approved rates included in the individual'sindividual personnel file.
- D. Any changes to the pay rates or benefits are properly authorized.
- E. All payroll taxes—including MTRS deductions—and benefits, are properly calculated and any deposits made in a timely manner.
- F. Payroll liabilities and expenses are recorded in the general ledger by the Director of Finance after review and approval of the payroll register.
- G. All payroll tax reports are prepared by Harpers Payroll and reviewed by a designated individual.

### \_802 Employee Mileage Reimbursement

- A. All employees are reimbursed at .45state rate per mile, as established annually by the Board of Trustees during the annual budget process for use of their own vehicle for business\_related travel. In addition, parking fees and tolls paid are reimbursable if properly supported.
- B. All employees requesting such mileage reimbursement are required to furnish a *Travel Report* containing the destination of each trip, its purpose and the miles driven, parking fees and tolls, within one month after the travel date. Each employee is responsible for detailing the travel and related expenses and including the required supporting documentation.

C. The travel report must be signed by the employee and approved by their direct supervisor.

_901_	Consultant Utilization
_	The utilization of all consultants and contract personnel shall be sufficiently evidenced by:
—_A	A. Details of all agreements (e.g., work requirements, rate of compensation, and nature and amount other expenses, if any) with the individuals or organizations providing the services and details or actual services performed.
В.—	B. Invoices or billings submitted by consultants, including sufficient detail as to the time expended nature of the actual services performed.
C.—	C. The use of a management contract for educational and administrative services will clearly identified the contractor's performance requirements, including students' academic achievement, contractor compensation and the Foxborough Regional Charter School's rights to educational curricula and intellectual property developed. If the contract provides substantially all educational services, the contract will be approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Education prior
	signature by the Foxborough Regional Charter School. (Also see Section 704: Procurement – Educational Services.)
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- •	signature by the Foxborough Regional Charter School. (Also see Section 704: Procurement – Educational Services.)  Independent Contractors  The use of consultants shall be closely monitored so as not to vary from the rules of the Internal Revent Code and M.G.L Chapter 193. In particular, consultants will:
A AB	signature by the Foxborough Regional Charter School. (Also see Section 704: Procurement – Educational Services.)  Independent Contractors  The use of consultants shall be closely monitored so as not to vary from the rules of the Internal Revent Code and M.G.L Chapter 193. In particular, consultants will:

E. Not be assigned a permanent workstation.

F. \_\_\_Use his or her own stationery or time sheet in billing for services.

### PART II - PROCEDURES

The following section provides the procedures which will support the policies contained in Part I of this document.

### 1100 —— GENERAL ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

In this section, procedures are described for the overall accounting system design, General Ledger activity and General Ledger closeout for the Foxborough Regional Charter School.

### 1101 ——\_Overall Accounting System Design

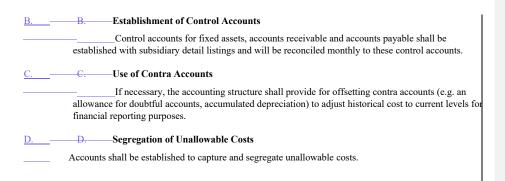
Control Objective

To establish a coding structure that supports financial reporting and management's management decision-making.

Major Controls

A. \_\_\_\_\_A. \_\_\_\_Director of Finance Involved in Designing the Chart of Accounts/Coding Structure

- To support decision-making, the Director of Finance, along with assistance from additional resources, including the Board of Trustees, management, and outside consultants, shall be involved from the outset in setting the chart of accounts/coding structurestructure. The coding generally follows a thirteen-digit general ledger account number with funding, division, object and grant/program designations. An example of the chart of accounts structure is included in *Appendix A*.



Control (	Dijective
<u></u>	To ensure that all General Ledger entries are current,
ccurate, and	complete.
Major Co	ontrols
<u>A.</u>	A.—Timeliness of Entries
	All entries shall be made soon after the underlying accounting event to ensure the financial records and reporting isarc current.
<u>B.</u> —	B. Support Documentation
	All entries shall be supported by adequate documentation that clearly indicates the justification and authorization for the transaction.
<u>C.</u> —	C. Audit Trail
	A complete audit trail shall be maintained by the use of reference codes, from source documentation through the books of original entry and general ledger, to periodic reporting statements.
Procedur	res
1.	Financial data on source documentation shall be verified against original documents (e.g., invoice, purchase order, etc.) by the Business Office before entering intoin the accounting system.
2.	Each entry in the accounting system shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Finance-or designee.
3.	Provisions shall be made for using recurring General Journal entries for certain transactions, such as recording the monthly portion of prepaid insurance.
4.	——Non-recurring entries, such as for correcting entries, recording accruals, and recording non-cash transactions, shall be prepared as circumstances warrant and on an as needed basis.
5.	———All entries in the books of original entry (e.g., cash receipts journal and disbursements) shall be made soon after the accounting event from authorized forms, and are prepared and reviewed by

qualified accounting personnel.

All General Journal entries shall be supported by General Journal Vouchers that have supporting

documentation attached, and are approved by the Director of Finance.

1103——_General Ledger Close-Out
Control Objective
To ensure the accuracy of financial records and reports.
Major Controls
AATrial Balance
Monthly, a trial balance shall be prepared to ensure the accuracy of the general ledger account balances.
 B.—Reconciliation of General Ledger Control Accounts with Subsidiary Ledgers
B Reconciliations shall be prepared on a monthly basis.
Procedures
<ol> <li>At the end of each month, a trial balance of all general ledger accounts shall be prepared by the Directo of Finance.</li> </ol>

- Reconciliation between the general ledger control accounts and the subsidiary ledgers shall be completed by the Director of Finance, or designee.
- At fiscal year-end and after the annual audit, all income and expense accounts shall be closed out, and the general ledger balances shall agree with the audited financial statements.

### \_1200 CASH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

In this section, procedures are described for cash receipts, cash disbursements, and petty cash funds and prepaid items.

### 1201——Cash Receipts

### Control Objective

To record cash receipts completely and accurately and to prevent the diversion of cash assets.

### Major Controls

### A. Cash Flow Projection

\_ The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall annually prepare and update monthly a cash flow projection for operations and capital cash needs in order to monitor and ensure adequate cash flow.

### B. Cash Receipts Policies

-\_The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall have internal control systems in place to monitor cash receipts, and to ensure that deposits are made in a timely manner. The school shall also use electronic fund transfers to accelerate deposits.

### C. \_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_ Internal Accounting Controls

- (i)—Distribution of mail shall be assigned to an employee with responsibilities independent of access to files or documents pertaining to accounts receivable or cash accounts. Any mail not addressed to an individual or department shall be forwarded to the Business Office to be opened thereby the Director of Finance and redirected as necessary.
- (ii) Listed receipts and credits shall be compared to the accounts receivable and bank deposits.
- (iii) General Ledger control accounts shall be reconciled with the Accounts Receivable Subsidiary Ledger.

### Procedures

- All mail not addressed to a specific department or individual shall be opened only by the <u>Director of Finance</u>, Business Office who sorts the mail, invoices, checks, etc. and forwards them where applicable.
- All checks shall be restrictively endorsed immediately by the Business Office, or applicable division.
- The Director of Finance shall prepare all journal entries. The Staff Accountant Business Office shall prepare deposit slips.
- A copy of each check to be deposited shall be made and attached to a copy of the deposit slip and filed to provide support for all deposits.
- 5. The Director of Finance shall review and sign off on all journal entries.
- The <u>Director of Financeaccountant or designee</u> shall input all journal entries.

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- Either the Staff Accountant, if applicable, or the Director of FinanceThe Business Office shall make
  deposits on a daily or no later than on a weekly basis. If deposits are made other than daily, the
  deposits shall be maintained in a secure area with limited access.
- The <u>Director of Financeaccountant</u> shall perform reconciliation of cash receipts to deposit slips and bank statements on a monthly basis.

### 1202——Cash Disbursements

### Control Objective

To disburse cash for authorized purposes and record cash disbursements completely and accurately.

### Major Controls

### A. Cash Disbursement Policies

\_\_\_\_\_Check preparation and signatures shall be delayed until the due date, consistent with discounts, if available

### B. \_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_ Internal Accounting Controls

- (i) Checks shall be pre-numbered and printed on special check protective paper.
- (ii) The Director of Finance or the Staff Accountant, if applicable Business Office shall match disbursement records against accounts payable/open invoice files on a monthly basis.
- (iii) Bank statements shall be reconciled to cash accounts and any outstanding checks verified by either the Director of Finance or the Staff Accountant or designee, if applicable on a monthly
- (iv) Supporting documentation shall be provided by to the Director of Finance for all canceled invoices to prevent resubmission for payment.
- The Director of Finance shall perform a detailed comparison of actual vs. budget disbursements on a periodic basis.
- (vi) Separation of duties shall be accomplished to the extent possible for an organization the size of the school.

### Procedures

- All invoices submitted for signature will include approvals for payment, expense account(s) charged, grant account(s) charged, if applicable, check number and date of payment.
- 4-2. When the transaction is complete and payment is due, a pre-numbered check is prepared by the Director of Finance who, the business office attaches all supporting documentation: (e.g. vendor invoice, purchase order, purchase requisition, etc.) and submits the package to the Executive Director or the Treasurer for approval.
- All invoices submitted for signature will include approvals for payment, expense account(s) charged, grant
  account(s) charged, if applicable, check number and date of payment.
  - The Executive Director of Finance and one of the designated Directors signs checks, after examining the supporting documentation- has been examined.

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- After having been signed, the checks shall be mailed directly to the payee by the business office assistant.
- 5. All supporting documents shall be attached to a section of the issued check.
- On a monthly basis, cash disbursement records shall be matched against accounts payable/open invoice files for any discrepancies.
- 7. Bank statements shall be reconciled soon after receiving receipt by the Director of Finance. Accountant.

1203_	Prepaid Items
Control C	Objective
To e	nsure proper accounting for prepaid expenses.
Major Co	ntrols
Inte	rnal Accounting Controls
	(i) Preparation and updating of an amortization schedule to reflect the incurring of expenses for prepaid items (e.g., prepaid insurance).
	(ii) Detailed prepaid expenses reconciled with the general ledger control account.

- Vendor invoices shall be reviewed by the Director of Finance or designee to identify all required prepayments.
- —For payment of prepaid items, the transaction shall be coded to reflect the appropriate portion of the
  payment representing the prepaid portion.
- 3. —An amortization schedule shall be prepared to reflect the incurring of an expense forof prepaid items
- 4. A standard journal entry shall be prepared by the <u>Director of Financeaccountant</u>, if applicable to record the monthly expense. <u>Approved by the Director of Finance or designee.</u>
- A reconciliation shall be performed on a monthly basis between the subsidiary ledger and the prepaid expense General Ledger control account.

# \_\_\_1300\_ GRANTS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES In this section, the procedures are described that cover revenue recognition and invoicing, billing, accounts and contributions receivable.

### 1301—\_\_\_Revenue Recognition and Invoicing

### Control Objective

To ensure that grant and contract billings are adequately supported, recorded on a timely basis, and reflect the terms and conditions of the grant or contract.

### Major Controls

### A.Invoicing Draw Down Policy

Invoices Grant Draw Downs shall be prepared

based on contract agreement dates.

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### B. Invoice Format

Invoice formats shall vary depending on the funding source.

\_\_\_\_\_\_Segregation of Unallowable Costs

Accounts shall be maintained for explicitly unallowable costs.

### C. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Internal Accounting Controls

- (i) Verification of services shall will be performed before invoiced down processing.
- (ii) A reconciliation of expenditures incurred or units billed to invoices shall be prepared.

-Control of revenue shall be achieved with the use of General

- Ledger control accounts.
- (iv) Separation of duties between the preparation of the <u>invoicedraw down</u> and its review and approval shall be to the extent possible for an organization the size of the school.

- On a monthly basis, program costs, or an electronic spreadsheet noting total units served, shall be reviewed by the Director of Finance or designee and recorded on an invoice format prescribed by the funding source. Unallowable or unbillable costs shall be excluded from the costs claimed costs.
- The invoice/draw down is entered in the Grants Receivable ledger, which, depending on the accounting software, should automatically prepare an entry to record the corresponding revenue. GEM\$.
- Arithmetic extensions are verified, and invoicesdrawdowns shall be reviewed for accuracy and completeness by the Director of Finance and signed by the Executive Director.
- 4. Invoices shall be mailed to the funding source by the Director of Finance.
  - 5.4. Copies of invoicesdrawdowns and supporting documents shall be filed by funding source.

# Control Objective To ensure the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of accounts receivable balances and collection. Major Controls A. Separation of Duties To the extent possible, the responsibility for posting invoices shall be kept separate from those with responsibilities for cash functions. B. Use of Control Accounts A General Ledger control account shall be reconciled to individual receivable balances within the Grants Receivable subsidiary ledger.

- 1. Payments and other adjustments shall be posted to the Grants Receivable subsidiary ledger.
- The Grants Receivable subsidiary ledger shall be reconciled to the General Ledger control account on a monthly basis.
- 3. Any Grants Receivable balance greater than 90 days old shall be followed up and investigated.
- 4. A final report shall be submitted to the respective funding source after the end of the project period.

### \_1400\_ PAYROLL PROCEDURES

Payroll procedures shall be organized under six categories: personnel requirements requirements, personnel data, timekeeping, and preparation of payroll, payroll payment, and payroll withholdings.

### 1401——\_Personnel Requirements

### Control Objective

To ensure that the School hires only those employees—full or part-time—that it absolutely needs and exerts tight control over hiring new employees.

### Major Controls

### **Payroll Policies**

The School shall adopt payroll policies for installing new employees on the payroll system and removing terminated employees from the system, as well as monitoring vacation, personal and sick pay.

### Procedures

### New Employees

- 1. Requests for new employees shall be initiated by the Executive Director and compared with the approved annual personnel budget.
- 2. An Employee Information Form shall be initiated when hiring a new employee. Included on this form shall be the job description, approved pay rate, and grant funding, if any. Information on this form shall be reviewed by the <u>Director of Human Resources Manager</u> and Director of Finance and communicated to the outside payroll service provider.
- New employees shall submit a copy of their resume to the Human Resources Department in person or via the website www.schoolspring.com.website www.schoolspring.com.
- 4. New employees shall complete an IRS W-4 Form and other required new hire documentation.
- A CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) background check shall be conducted on all new employees and their CORI reports shall be placed in their employment files.

### Vacation and Sick Pay

- Employees shall accrue vacation time based on the personnel policy of the Foxborough Regional Charter School.
- Employees shall be required to provide at least two weeks advanced notice to supervisors for a vacation request.
- Regular part-time employees shall earn vacation time on a pro-rata bases based upon the personnel policy of the Foxborough Regional Charter School.
- 4. —Employees' earned vacation balances shall be adjustedare accrued monthly to reflect vacation time earned and taken and these records shall be reviewed by the Foxborough Regional Charter School Executive Director Payroll Manager on a monthly basis.

- Sick leave taken shall be monitored against each employee's available sick time on an electronic spreadsheet and these records shall be reviewed by the Foxborough Regional Charter School Executive Director Payroll Manager on a monthly basis.
- Before vacation time is paid, a Leave Request Form shall be to be prepared by the employee, which shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Finance.
  - 7-6. The Staff AccountantPayroll Manager or Director of Finance or Human Resources Manager shall monitor vacation and sick time by maintaining a log for each individual reviewing the attendance system
  - 8.7. A General Journal entry shall be prepared at year-end to record the accrued vacation liability.
  - 9.8. Unused vacation time shall be based on the personnel policy of the Foxborough Regional Charter School

### **Terminations**

- 1. For each terminated employee, an *Employee Information Form* documenting the termination shall be completed and routed to the Business Office for benefits and payroll processing.
- The approved Employee Information Form shall be communicated to the payroll service
  provider for updating of payroll data, including the effects on the fringe benefits including health, dental,
  pension, COBRA, etc.
- The approved Employee Information Form shall be maintained in the terminated employee's personnel file.

### 1402——Personnel Data

### Control Objective

To calculate and record payroll data accurately and completely for all employees.

### Major Controls

### **Internal Accounting Controls**

- (i) A precise paper trail covering all transactions shall be kept.
- (ii) Changes in personnel data shall be approved by responsible officials.
- (iii) Separate payroll and personnel files shall be periodically reviewed and reconciled.

- Changes to personnel data shall be initiated with an Employee Information Form when making changes in new hires, terminations, pay rate changes, or payroll deductions.
- The Director of Finance or the Executive Director shall authorize any change to payroll data.
- Authorized changes shall be communicated to the payroll service provider and other relevant benefits providers where there is an effect on the fringe benefits.
- 4.—A copy of the *Employee Information Form* shall be retained in the employee's personnel file.

1403 Timekeeping
Control Objective
To ensure that payment for salaries and wages is made in accordance with documented time records.
Major Controls
ATimekeeping Policies
Employees shall be instructed on the proper charging of time to assure the accuracy of recorded time to cost objectives.
B. B.—Time Sheet
Labor hours shall be accurately recorded <u>electronically</u> and any corrections to timekeeping records, including the appropriate <u>authorizations</u> and approvals, shall be documented.
C. — C. — Internal Reviews
The School's supervisory
personnel shall monitor the overall integrity of timekeeping.
DInternal Accounting Controls
A reconciliation of the hours charged on time sheets to attendance records shall be completed by the Director of Finance Payroll Manager on a monthly basis.
Procedures
Time Sheet Preparation
<ol> <li>Hourly and salary employees shall prepare time sheets and/or leave forms using the Time &amp; Attendance system.</li> </ol>
2. In preparing time sheets, employees shall:
(i) Enter hours, time off request, sick or personal or vacation time in the Time & Attendance system
(ii) Supervisor will approval
All timesheets are electronic and hourly staff clock in and out daily. Time off is documented in Frontline by requesting time off and approved by their manager. Time off is imported into time and attendance and becomes a permanent record in their timesheet.
Electronic timesheets are approved by the manager of the department and processed by Payroll.
Reconciliation of Payroll to Time Sheets
1.—_The hours shown on time sheets shall be reconciled to the hours recorded on the Payroll Register by the Director of Finance for each time sheet period.

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### 1404 Preparation of Payroll

### Control Objective

To ensure that payment of salaries and wages is accurately calculated.

### Major Controls

### Internal Accounting Controls

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_Time records or contracts shall be periodically reconciled with payroll records.
- (ii) The responsibility for checking the accuracy of payroll calculations shall be separated from the responsibility for payroll preparation to the extent possible for the size of the <a href="School-schoo

- 1. All timesheets are electronic and approved by managers.
- 1.2. The total time recorded on time through Time & Attendance sheets and the number of employees shall be calculated by the Director of Finance payroll manager.
- 2-3. Recorded hours from the semi-monthly time sheets shall be accumulated by the Director of Finance and communicated imported to the payroll service provider and processed.
- 3.4. The payroll reports received from the payroll service provider (e.g., calculations, payrolls and payroll summaries) shall be compared with time sheets, pay rates, payroll deductions, compensated absences etc., by the <a href="mailto:payroll manager and by">payroll manager and by</a>. Director of Finance.
- 4. The Director of Finance shall verify gross pay and payroll deductions.
- The total hours and number of employees shall be compared with the totals in the Payroll Register by the Director of Finance.
- The Payroll Register shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Finance prior to forwarding of the payroll checks to the Human Resource Manager for distribution.

### 1405 Payroll Payment

### Control Objective

To ensure payment for salaries and wages by check, direct deposit, cash or other means shall be made only to employees entitled to receive payment.

### Major Controls

### Internal Accounting Controls

- (i) Pre-numbered checks shall be used and all check numbers shall be accounted for.
- (ii) —(ii) —A complete audit trail on all payroll checks and direct deposit with authorizing signatures at each juncture shall be maintained.

- 1. Checks and payroll register shall be forwarded to the Human Resource Manager for distribution.
- 2-1. Payroll-All payroll payments by cheek, direct deposit or cash shall be distributed by the School for forwarding to employees and the payroll register shall be filed company.
- The Director of Finance shall control and monitor all undelivered and un-cashed payroll cheeks, respectively.
- 4.2. The milea The bank account shall be reconciled monthly by Director of Finance.the accountant.
- 5.3. The Executive Director of Finance reviews the semimonthly payroll register.

### 1406 Payroll Withholdings

Control Objective

To ensure that payment withholdings are correctly reflected and paid to the appropriate third parties.

Major Controls

### A. Reconciliation of Payment and Payroll Withholdings

—\_ Payroll withholdings shall be recorded in the appropriate General Ledger control accounts and reconciled with payments made to third parties. by the payroll manager.

### B. \_\_\_\_Internal Accounting Controls

———\_ The payroll service provider calculates payroll withholdings, which shall be reviewed and verified by the Director of Finance.payroll manager.

- 1. The payroll service provider calculates payroll withholdings—including MTRS deductions—for each employee. These shall be summarized by pay period and recorded in General Ledger.
- Payments for payroll withholdings shall be reconciled with the amounts recorded in the General Ledger control accounts by the Director of Finance.
- The Director of Finance shall review the accuracy and timeliness of payments made to third parties—including MTRS—for payroll withholdings.
- Original withholding and benefit election forms, maintained in the employee file, shall be prepared by
  employees and reviewed and approved on a periodic basis by the Director of Finance. Human Resources.
- The <u>Director of FinancePayroll Manager</u> shall prepare and file the required MTRS reports-and. <u>Payroll company files with the Internal Revenue Service and Commonwealth of Massachusetts payroll tax forms.
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### 1500\_ PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (P&E) PROCEDURES

This section is organized into six parts:- P&E acquisitions, record keeping over P&E, depreciation of P&E, inventory of P&E, disposal of P&E, and Government-furnished and School-acquired property and equipment.

### 1501—Property & Equipment Acquisitions

### Control Objective

To control the acquisition of P&E and completely and accurately record fixed asset acquisitions in order to safeguard fixed assets from loss.

### Major Controls

### A. P&E Acquisitions Tied to Budget

All acquisitions of property and capital equipment shall either be designated in the approved budget; or subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees.

### B. P&E Acquisitions Based on Approved Requests

Official approval shall be obtained before a P & E purchase is made. This is performed by reviewing the *Purchase Requisition Form* prepared for the item.

### C. \_\_\_\_ Internal Accounting Controls

Fixed asset acquisitions shall be reconciled with capital expenditure authorizationsauthorization by the Director \_of Finance on a quarterly basis.

- 1. \_\_\_\_Capital budget requests shall be submitted annually for review and approval by the Board of Trustees.
- Authorization requests for the acquisition of fixed assets shall be reviewed against the capital budget and approved by the Director of Finance, Treasurer, or Executive Director.
- 3. Each item of property and equipment received shall be identified and tagged in a visible area on the asset.
- A copy of the Purchase Order for capital expenditures shall be entered into the fixed assets subsidiary or comparable worksheet for proper identification of all fixed assets.
- 5. Information on each tagged asset shall be entered <u>minto</u> the fixed assets subsidiary or comparable worksheet.

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### 1502 Recordkeeping Over Property & Equipment

### Control Objective

To completely and accurately record fixed asset acquisitions, transfers, and dispositions on a current basis.

### Major Controls

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Capitalization Policies

The <u>Schoolschool</u> follows generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to special purpose business-type activity government entities. All fixed assets purchased shall be capitalized in the year of purchase, and recorded in the general ledger. The <u>Schoolschool</u> follows the policy of capitalizing all fixed assets purchased greater than \$58,000 per unit.

### B. B. Fixed Asset Classification

Fixed assets shall be accounted for by the following classifications: land, building, equipment, betterment, leasehold improvements, site improvement, classroom equipment, furniture, and computer hardware and software.

### C. \_\_\_\_Complete Record of P&E Acquisition Costs

The fixed assets subsidiary ledger contains the full history of each capital asset acquired: original acquisition cost, and any costs incurred to prepare the asset for use.

### Procedures

- Asset acquisitions, transfers, and dispositions shall be entered in the fixed assets subsidiary ledger on a periodic basis.
- The fixed assets subsidiary ledger shall be reconciled with the control account in the general ledger on a monthlyannual basis. Any differences shall be analyzed and resolved by the Director of Finance.

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### 1503 Depreciation

### Procedures

The School capitalizes all fixed assets when acquired; and records the historical cost of these items in the general ledger. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as they relate to special purpose business-type activity, government entities, under GASB 34, depreciation expense must be recorded in the general ledger. The Foxborough Regional Charter School will use the straight-line method of depreciation over the assets useful life as determined as follow:

/ <b>:</b>	
Computers	5 years
Office Equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office Furniture	4 years
Leasehold Improvements	10 years or Useful life or life of lease, whichever is less
Building Improvements	30 years
Building	40 years
HVAC	20 years
Computers	5 years
Office Equipment	5 years
Vehicles	<u>5 years</u>
Office Furniture	4 years
Leasehold Improvements	10 years or Useful life or life of lease, whichever is less
Building Improvements	30 years
Building	40 years
HVAC	20 years
Software	3-4 years

### 1504—Inventory of Property & Equipment

### Control Objective

To ensure that all recorded assets exist and are in use.

Major Controls

### Internal Accounting Controls

(i) All property and equipment <u>assets</u> shall be tagged when received.

- (ii) Physical inventories shall be performed bi-annually.
- (iii) Differences between physical inventories and amounts recorded in the control account shall be analyzed and reconciled monthly.

- 2. An inventory of fixed assets shall be taken bi-annually.
- 3. 3. The inventory of fixed assets shall be compared to the amounts recorded in the general ledger control account. Differences shall be investigated and resolved by the Director of Finance monthly.

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1505 Disposal of Property & Equipment
Control Objective
To ensure that assets no longer in use are disposed of in accordance with existing policies.
Major Controls
A — A Disposal Policies
The Schoolschool has adopted policies on the disposition of property and equipment.
B Internal Accounting Controls
(i) Use of fixed asset disposal authorization form is required.
(ii) Disposal or transfer of fixed assets shall occur only with proper authorization.
(iii) Periodic counts of fixed assets that is reconciled with the fixed assets recorded in the control account within the general ledger. <u>Procedures</u>
Procedures
A determination shall be made by the school personnel as to the usefulness of a fixed asset.
2An Asset Disposal Form, including a description of the asset, purpose for disposal and methodology of disposal shall be prepared with proper written authorization from the Director of Finance.
3The Asset Disposal Form shall be reviewed and signed by the Executive Director.
4.— Acopy of the final approved Asset Disposal Form shall be routed to the Director of Finance, who entersupdates the dollar amount of the disposed fixed asset as a reduction in the fixed asset subsidiary ledger, and adjusts the control account in the general ledger, module. The treatment of any proceeds from the disposition, and the recognition of any gain or loss on sale of the disposed asset, shall be recorded in the general ledger.
5 Technology-Specific Disposals:
For all technology-related fixed assets (e.g., laptops, desktops, tablets, servers, and similar equipment), the Tech Department is responsible for the physical disposal process. This includes ensuring that all data is securely wiped, licenses are addressed, and the device is properly disposed of in accordance with school policy and applicable data privacy regulations.
The Asset Disposal Form must still be completed, and disposal must be authorized by the Director of Finance and reviewed by the Executive Director as outlined above.

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1506—\_ Property & Equipment Acquired Through Government Grants/Contracts

Cont	4 rol Objective
	To assure that property and equipment are properly obtained, used, and managed during the performance of government grants or contracts.
Majo	or Controls
<u>A.</u>	_A. Record keeping
prop	The Schoolschool shall maintain detailed records on all erty and equipment.
<u>B.</u>	B. Custody
in a s	All property and equipment, when not in use, shall be stored secure area.
<u>C</u> .	Inventory
	All property and equipment shall be inventoried.
Proc	edures
1.	All property and equipment acquired through government grants or contracts shall be assigned tag numbers and properly identified with this number in the fixed asset subsidiary ledger.
2.	On a semi-annual basis, the Director of Finance shall take inventory of all property and equipment and shall ensure that fixed assets are being used for the purpose intended.
3.	3. If necessary, the Schoolschool shall obtain approval from the appropriate government agency for the disposition of property and equipment acquired through a government grant or contract, and the Director of Finance authorizes the disposition as described in the previous section.

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4. Disposals of technology-related assets acquired through government grants or contracts must follow the same procedure described in Section 1505, including review by the Tech Department for secure disposal. The Director of Finance remains responsible for authorizing the disposal and ensuring financial records are updated accordingly.

1600_ A	CCOUNTS PAYABLE PROCEDURES	
This s	section is organized into three major parts: accounts payable, purchasing, and expense reimbursement.	
1601—	Accounts Payable	
Control Ol	bjective	
_ To ens	sure that invoices are accurately recorded on a timely basis for authorized purchases.	
Major Con	ntrol	
<u>A.</u> A	Reconciliation of Accounts Payable Records	
	Reconciliation of source data, subsidiary ledger totals, and general ledger control accounts shall be performed periodically to ascertain the accuracy of accounts payable entries.	
<u>B.</u> B	Internal Reviews	
<u> </u>	Internal reviews shall be conducted to determine if	
duplicate p	payments or overpayments exist.	
Procedure.	S	
Vouc	ther Preparation and Review of Voucher	
1.	Invoices shall be received by the Business Office.	
2.	Invoices shall be compared to the <i>Purchase Order</i> and the packing list.	
3.	Invoices shall be reviewed for:	
	(i) The nature, quality, and quantity of goods ordered and the related price	
	(ii) Accuracy of all arithmetic calculations and extensions extensions	
	(iii) Allowability of expenditure	
	(iv) Proper general ledger account and department coding	
4.	Invoices are then forwarded to the Executive Director of Finance or designee for approval.	
5.	Once approved, invoices shall be input into the general ledger through the accounts payable subsidiary ledger after it is reviewed by either the Staff Accountant or the Director of Finance.	
6.	Checks shall be printed on a weekly basis, and vendors shall be paid innet 30 days of their invoices, as recorded within the system. See Cash Disbursement section for issuing of checks.	
Purchase Discounts		
<u>1.</u>		
2.	2. The Business Office shall review the invoice for any purchase discount date and ensures that the vendor file is established and properly eapturing any discounts allowed.	
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Reconciliation of Accounts Payable Records
11The total balance in the accounts payable subsidiary ledger shall be reconciled with the general ledger control account monthly.
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1602—_Purchasing
Control Objective
To ensure that goods and services shall be acquired at fair and reasonable prices and the highest ethical
standards of conduct shall be maintained in all relationships with vendors, suppliers, and subcontractors. $\underline{\textit{Major}}$
<u>Controls</u>
Major Controls
A. Purchase Requirements
The <u>Schoolschool</u> shall develop cost-effective and efficient purchase requirements in order to achieve full and open competition, meet delivery schedules, control inventory and <u>materialmaterial</u> , an expedite purchases.
B
The School shall utilize the following procurement guidelines:
Contracts under $\$+\underline{10},000$ - The school shall use sound business practices when procuring goods and services for amounts less that $\$+\underline{10},000$ .
Contracts from \$\frac{10}{000} to \$\frac{550}{000} - The school shall seek price quotes from at least three vendors and shall award the contract to the responsible vendor offering the supply or service needed for the lowest price.
Contracts greater \$550,000 - The school shall conduct a formal advertised competition using sealed bids or proposals. An award shall be offered to the qualified bidder who meets the School's specifications and offers the lowest price.
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C Selecting the Vendor
The school shall select the most responsive and responsible vendor to provide the required materials and services, and shall promote competition in order to obtain fair and reasonable prices.
D. —D.—Internal Accounting Controls
(i) Approval by the Board of Trustees of purchases equal to or exceeding \$25,000 shall

(ii) All unethical unethical purchasing conduct shall be reported to management as required under the Foxborough

Regional Charter School's *Fraud Detection and Mitigation Policy*. Upon completion of an investigation, management shall recover <u>restitution restitution</u> for any gain resulting from such conduct.

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### Procedures

### Purchase Requirements

1.—After approval of the annual budget, the Director of Finance shall review the school's needs to uncover patterns of orders and opportunities for clustering orders. This shall be done to achieve volume discounts

### Processing Purchase Orders

- Purchase Requisitions shall be forwarded to the appropriate department's Administrative
  Assistant for processing.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ The *Purchase Requisitions* shall include the following minimum requirements:
  - (i) A description of items ordered
  - (ii) A cost estimate including shipping & handling charges
  - (iii) The required delivery information
  - (iv) A statement of the nature and purpose of the procurement
- The Purchase Requisition shall be used by the Administrative Assistant to generate a Purchase Order in AccuFund. Once entered, Accufund generates an electronic notification requiring a Director's approval and/or the approval of the Director of Finance and Executive Director.

<u>AccuFund.</u> 4. Once entered, Accufund generates an electronic notification requiring a director's approval and/or the approval of the Director of Finance and Executive Director.

 Upon approval, Purchase Orders are then viewable in Accufund and may be printed/emailed to the vendor with a copy kept on file by the Administrative Assistant.

### **Obtaining Bids and Quotations**

- In evaluating bids received, the Procurement Officer shall perform and document in writing a cos or price analysis.

### Negotiation and Award

- Consistent with the school's goal of expanding opportunities for minority business enterprises, companies which are minority or women owned, to the extent they are available locally and qualified, shall be given an opportunity to bid on a procurement in the school's selection process.
- 2. Awards may be made to other than the low bidder in eircumstances circumstances where the higher bid demonstrates best value contracting procedures to the school (can use MGL c.30B as a guide). In such situations, the Procurement Officer shall prepare a justification statement for such awards, furnishing a brief explanation of the factors leading to such a decision.

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160	3 Expense Reimbursement
Cont	trol Objective
_To	ensure the Foxborough Regional Charter School shall pay only for properly authorized business expenses.
Мајо	or Controls
Α.	Travel Policies
	The Schoolschool shall adopt policies on travel reimbursement.
В.	Employee Expense Reimbursement Documentation
	Employees shall obtain and furnish documentation for individual expenses. Reimbursements for amounts under \$10 should be held and submitted quarterly, within the quarter purchases were made, once the \$10 minimum is met. Submissions for items with receipts dated older than 90 days will not be reimbursed. Additionally, expenses must be reimbursed within the same fiscal year (July 1—June 30) FRCS's primary method of purchasing is through the purchase order process. Any item not going through that process must be pre-approved. Purchases that are not preapproved will not be reimbursed.
	C. Employees shall obtain and furnish documentation
for i	ndividual expenses.
<u>C.</u>	Internal Accounting Controls
<u>(i)</u>	
<u>(ii)</u>	(ii)Documentation shall be provided for incurred reimbursable employee expenses.
(iii)	
Proc	pedures——
_	Expense Reimbursement
<u>1.</u>	Soon after traveling, but not exceeding 30 days, an employee who seeks reimbursement for authorized expenses shall complete a <i>Travel Report</i> detailing the expenses incurred and also attached supporting documentation.
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3.	All employees' <i>Travel Reports</i> and associated invoices shall be directly reviewed and approved for payment by the Division Director, the Director of Finance and the Executive Director.

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### 1700 OTHER LIABILITIES PROCEDURES

This section describes procedures for recognizing and recording accrued liabilities and deferred revenue.

### 1701—Accrued Liabilities

### Control Objective

To accurately control and record accrued liabilities.

### Major Controls

### A. Maintaining an Accrual Register

— The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall properly set up and monitor accrued liabilities and accrual accounts related to salaries and wages, vacation pay, and payroll taxes.

### B. Reconciliation of the Subsidiary Schedules with the General Ledger Control Account

On a periodic basis, the Director of Finance shall perform a reconciliation between the subsidiary schedule and the general ledger control account.

- An accrual subsidiary schedule shall be established and maintained by the Director of Finance for each type of accrual.
- The school shall record all accruals at fiscal year—end, or when determined necessary by the Business Manger Director of Finance.
- A general journal entry shall be prepared at year-end to record all accruals only after they have been reviewed
  and approved by the Director of Finance.

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# 1702 Deferred Revenue

### Control Objective

To accurately control and record deferred revenue.

### Major Controls

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining a subsidiary schedule of revenue deferred

———— The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall properly set up and monitor deferred revenue and properly record revenue in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### B. Reconciliation of the Subsidiary Schedule with the General Ledger Control Account

On a periodic basis, the Director of Finance shall perform a reconciliation between the subsidiary schedule and the general ledger control account.

### Procedures

- A deferred revenue subsidiary schedule shall be established and maintained by the Director of Finance for each type or source of revenue for which the school receives advanced funding.
- The Director of Finance shall determine the extent of revenue recognized and consequently the revenue deferred for all revenue sources for which the school receives advanced funding.
- A general journal entry shall be prepared at year-end to record all deferred revenue only after the records have been reviewed and approved by the Director of Finance.

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### 1800 MANAGEMENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

In this section, procedures are covered for supporting the annual budget, financial reporting, and tax compliance.

### 1801—Annual Budget

### Control Objective

The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall develop systems to effectively support the preparation of the annual budget and its periodic review.

## Major Controls

# **Budget Process** The Finance Committee shall work with the Executive Director and Director of Finance to prepare the annual operating and capital budgets and the annual cash flow projection. The budgets and projections shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. -Internal Accounting Controls Accuracy and completeness of the budgets and projection Procedures -In preparation of the annual operating and capital budgets and cash flow projection, the Director of Finance shall prepare preliminary budgets and the projection for review by the Executive Director in consultation with the Finance Committee. -To support the budgets and projection estimates, the Director of Finance shall prepare current year-to-date financial data with projections of year-end totals. -The Executive Director and the Finance Committee shall review the budgets and projectionprojections submitted by the Director of Finance for completeness and reasonableness. -The Board of Trustees shall approve and adopt the final budgets and projections. -The adopted budget totals shall be entered ininto the general ledgeraccounting system by the

Director of Finance for the new fiscal year, in order to prepare budget to actual reports.

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# 1802 Financial Reporting

Control Objective

The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall develop systems to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and

		of financial reporting to support of	lecision-making.
Majo	r Controls		
<u>A.</u>	_A.	-Schedule	
			Monthly managerial reports shall be prepared based on a pre-
deter	mined sche	dule.	
В.	_ <del>B.</del>	Review and Approval	
			Financial reports shall be reviewed for accuracy and
comp	leteness.		
<u>C.</u>	_ <del>_</del>	—Audit	
			The annual financial statements of the school shall be
audit	ed by a cert	ified public accounting firm.	
Proce	edures		
1.			repare monthly budget vs. actual financial reports and a cash flow remonthly Board of Trustees meetings.
2.		g firm, in accordance with Govern	nual audit of its financial statements by a qualified certified public nmental Auditing Standards and the Massachusetts Charter School
3.			ited financial statements to the Office of the State Auditor and the ent of Education Charter School Office by the January 1 statutory

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### 1803—Payroll Tax Compliance

### Control Objective

——\_The Foxborough Regional Charter School shall develop systems to accurately prepare and file required tax documents on a timely basis.

### Major Controls

### A. Preparation

The school shall obtain either a payroll service provider or in-house payroll software to assist in the preparation of periodic payroll tax filings.

### B. \_\_B. \_\_Approval of Tax Returns

Payroll tax documents shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Finance.

### Procedures

- 1. The Schoolschool shall maintain a schedule of required filing due dates for at a minimum the following documents:

  - (ii) (ii) IRS Form W-3 Transmittal of Income and Tax Statements.
  - (iii) (iii) —IRS Form 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return for Federal Income Tax Withheld from Wages and FICA Taxes.

  - (v) Quarterly and annual state(s) unemployment tax return(s).

(Note: Charter schools are not required to pay Federal unemployment (FUTA);) but are required to pay State Unemployment either by the contributory method or reimbursement method).

- (vi) MTRS retirement deduction reporting
- (vi) MTRS retirement deduction reporting
- Before submission, all payroll tax documents, and the supporting schedules shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Finance for accuracy and completeness.

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### APPENDIX A: RECOMMENDED CHART OF ACCOUNTS

# Account Structure

Account Structure		
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 Digits	Fund	
	10	General/Operating
	20	VPSC Federal Grant
	25	Grants & Gifts
	30	CapitolCapital Projects
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Digits	Dept	
5 -5 Digits	100s	Administration & Finance
	200s	Teaching & Learning
	300s	Student & Families Activities
	400s	Outreach & Development Operations
	500s	Employee Benefits Operations
	600s	Grants Employee Benefits
	700s	GrantsCapital Outlay & Debt
		Service
	800s	Capital Outlay
	900s	Debt Service
6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Digits	Object Code	
<u> </u>	1010-1090	Cash & Investments

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	1100-1190	Other Current Investments
	1300-1399	Prepaid
	1800-1850	Capital Assets
	1870-1879	Accum. Depreciation
	2000-2090	Accounts Payable
	2100-2199	Accrued Expenses
	2600-2699	Deferred Revenue
	2700-2799	Bonds/Loans Payable
	3100-3999	Equity Restricted
	4100-4799	State Tuition
	4210-4299	Federal Grants
	4310	Student Lunch Fees Not State
	4320-4399	Student Lunch Fees
	4400	State Grants
	4800-4999	Other Revenue
	5100-5199	Salary Expenses
	5200-5799	Expenses
	5800-5899	Capital Expenses
	5900-5999	Debt Expenses
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Digits	Program Code*	
		General Education
		Special Education
		State Grants & Funding
		Federal Grants & Funding
		Private Grants & Contributions

<sup>\*</sup>Program Codes are set up to identify a specific grant, program, or other account identifier.—

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APPENDIX B: Sample Forms SAMPLE FORMS

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### PURCHASE ORDER 2682

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Note: Request for purchase less than \$1,000 requires verbal quote. Items greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000 requires written quote from three vendors. Items greater than \$5,000 requires formal bid form three vendors.

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FRCS REQUEST FOR BUDGET TRANSFER				
Date:				
Date:				
To: _	Director of Finance			
From:				

At this time, I am requesting that \$	in funds
be transferred from Account Number:	which is under budget
and moved into Account Number:	which is over budget.
The justification for this transfer is	

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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Admin/Finance Office Use Only	
Approved By:	
(Executive Director or Director of Finance)	
Date Approved:	
Transfer Made On:	
Transfer Made By:	

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Note: No transfers will be made after March 1st

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# **Check Request**

PREAPPROVAL:
(Signature and date of director required)
Date Signed:
Detailed Description/Reason as to why the normal procurement process is not being used:
-
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What is the item(s) to be purchased and what is the purchase for?
Please complete, and have your Administrator
sign before making a purchase.
Attach receipts prior to submitting to the Business Office. Thank you.
Date: Amount: \$
Date Amount. \$
Develope and
Payable to:
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Address:
Requested by:
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FRCS CASH RECEIPTASSET DISPOSAL FORM

CASH

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Director of Finance:  Date of Request:				_	
Charter School Executive Dir					
Date of Approval:				_	
Business Office Use Only					
Account Number:				_	

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Amount:-

NOTE: -If the fixed assets above were originally purchased by grant funding, ensure that grant disposal policies are followed.



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## **FACULTY/STAFF TIME SHEET**

Name:		
	Position:	
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# **Payroll Information**

<u>Date</u> <u>Dateateateateateateate</u>	Time Started	Lunch	Time Finished	Hours/Su	bbed for
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	<b>Polices</b>	& Procedures	Manual				
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		3					
			Total	Hours	_		
			Submitted:				
Please fill out time s	sheet completely and	have appropri	iate Administrato	or sign before		1	
returning to Human	n Resources. Thank	you.					
Signature:							
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 $Note-with\ the\ adoption\ of\ the\ electronic\ Time\ and\ Attendance\ System,\ hard\ copy\ leave\ request\ forms\ should\ be\ phased\ out.$ 

**LEAVE REQUEST FORM** 

Date:	
Name/Employee:	Date(s) Requested:
Signature:	
Type of Leave (please SELECT ONE):	
□ Sick □ P	Professional Development
- Personal	□ Jury Duty
- Bereavement - N	Ailitary Leave
- Vacation	- Other
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Type of leave authorized by HR Manager	YES NO
Signature of HR Manager	
Leave Recommended by Administrator	YES NO
Signature of Administrator	
Leave Approved by Executive Director	YES NO
Signature of Executive Director	

NAME OF SUBSTITUTE STAFF \_\_\_\_\_

REMINDER – PLEASE CONTACT SUBSTITUTE COORDINATOR FOR COVERAGE

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FRCS TRAVEL REPORT		
Name of Traveler:		
Dates of Travel:		
Grant to be charged, if applicable:		
Auto Mileage:—	Total Miles Driven————————————————————————————————————	_
 Reimbursa	able Miles:	@ \$0.XX
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Meals and Incidentals Per Diem:——\$	= \$	days @
	= \$	
Train, bus, MBTA, Taxi—————	= \$	
	<u> </u>	<del>=</del> \$
Hotel	= \$	
Tolls/Parking	= \$	
Other (specify)	= \$	
	Total Expenses	<del>- \$</del>
	Less Advance Check #, if any—	<del>-</del> \$
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Amount Due Traveler
= \$
Note: If a balance is due back to the Charter School, please attach a check to this Travel Report.
Traveler's Signature: Date:
Approved by:
Date:
Note:If a above travel is incurred under a grant agreement, please indicate the grant name and amount to
charged as allowable grant expenditures.
PLEASE ATTACH ALL RECEIPTS TO THE TRAVEL REPORT WHEN SURMITTING FO
REIMBURSEMENT.

# Foxborough Regional Charter School **Polices & Procedures Manual** January 2016 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION FORM Millennium EE# NEW HIRE/CHANGE **Current Date: Group/Department/Position: Salary Rate:** Academic or Calendar Year Status: **Start Date:** Phone Number Social Security Number: Ethnicity/Race: Marital Status: Statement of Hire: Offer Letter: CORI: Fingerprints: Confidentiality Statement: Technology Use Policy Acknowledgement: **Ethics Certification: Ethics Summary: Emergency Card: Employee Profile** Access Key Card Form E-Mail Address Form **Registration Form** Direct Deposit: Routing # Acet# - Millennium 67 55

# **Polices & Procedures Manual** 4 **Deductions:** SS A-1945 Form: Medical: Yes Plan: Effective: **Millennium** Dental: Yes Plan: Effective: Assurant FSA/DCA: Yes Amount/Year: Millennium HRTCS Millennium ----Assurant Millennium - Assurant Amount: **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION FORM CONTINUED** Accident: Yes Millennium Assurant Amount: Assurant Amount: MTRS: Yes Millennium MTRS License # Assurant: **School Brains:** Details: Address: Phone: Employment: Degree: **MEPID**#

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Time and Attendance:

Completed:

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# **Summary of Financial Policies and Procedures Handbook changes**

- 1. Changes for clarity and organization
  - o Petty cash clarification
  - Accrued Teacher Salaries dates
  - Updates to processes for electronic system
  - o Timesheet process clarification
- 2. Updates to match roles/realities and make descriptions of processes "evergreen"
  - Title changed/updates to correct roles
  - Adding "or designee"
  - Updating bank name
  - o Process of reporting and inventorying of property and capital assets
  - Mileage reimbursement rate tied to state rate
  - o Process of asset disposal updated
- 3. Changes to financial levels for varying procedures
  - Capital limit increased to \$8,000
  - o Procurement levels for additional process adjusted