Summary of the Proposed Changes to the Minuteman Regional Agreement

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Provision	Existing Agreement	New Agreement
Operating Cost Apportionment	Percentage of prior-year enrollment	Percentage of average four-year enrollment
Capital Cost Apportionment	Percentage of prior-year enrollment (deemed 5-student minimum enrollment)	Three-part formula: • 1% assessment to all towns (16% total) • 50% based on average four-year enrollment (w/ 1-student minimum) • Remainder (34%) based on wealth-weighted utilization. Wealth measured by "combined effort" (property value and household income). Utilization based on percentage of town's students enrolled at Minuteman.
School Committee Voting	One vote per town; all votes equal	Weighted voting with half the weight based on an equal vote for all towns and half based on average four-year enrollment
Capital Cost Obligations for Non-Member Communities	NONE	To the extent allowed by State law or regulation, non-member communities assessed a capital facilities fee equal to at least the average member-town fee. Can only be overridden by two-thirds weighted vote of School Committee.
Debt Issuance	Not addressed, so subject to two options currently permitted by State law: • Majority approval by all 16 member-town Town Meetings (Section 16 (d)) • Majority vote of member-town citizens (Section 16 (n))	Same two options, with the following conditions: • Minuteman will commit to use Section 16 (d) initially • If Minuteman opts to use Section 16 (n), communities who rejected debt under Section 16 (d) given option to withdraw from District • If withdrawal from District denied, community not obligated to pay for that approved debt
Withdrawal from the District	• Withdrawing Town: Majority vote by Town Meeting • Other Member Towns: Approval by Town Meeting of all other towns (no deemed consent)	• Immediate Withdrawal Option: Provides an option, as part of the Agreement itself, for certain towns to immediately leave the District without needing a separate vote by the other District towns • Future Withdrawals, Withdrawing Town: Two-thirds vote by Town Meeting • Future Withdrawals, Other Towns: Approval by a majority of towns (with deemed consent)
Capital Cost Obligations for New Members to the District	• Immediately responsible for 100% of capital costs	• Potential four-year phase-in of capital cost allocation, based on School Committee vote