



MINUTES of the Regular Schedule 2011 Meeting “FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE”

Membership: Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Germano John Silveira, Braintree;
Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton; Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella, Dedham;
Secretary Robert S. Austin, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Mr. Richard Riman, Randolph and Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

It is noted that the Regular Schedule Meeting of Tuesday, November 1, 2011 was cancelled.

Before the District School Committee Regular Schedule meeting the Warrant Subcommittee met, as it does before each and every regular session District School Committee Meeting to review invoices submitted with the warrant. Members of the Warrant Subcommittee are Messrs. (Chairman) Riman, Austin and Flahive.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order promptly at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella presided.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Austin, Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira

MEMBERS ABSENT: -0-

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. James P. Quaglia – Superintendent-Director
Mr. Michael J. Barrett –Assistant Superintendent-Principal
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi – Treasurer
Mr. Brandon Phillips, School Year 2011-12 Representative to the District School Committee
Mr. David W. Proule, BHRT Business Manager
Mrs. Jane O'Malley, BHRT Teacher
Mr. Xavier Mahoney, BHRT Teacher

*On occasion, individual(s) attending the meeting do not sign the attendance sheet.

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella announced that the District complies with the inception of the revised Open Meeting Law in effect, as of July 1, 2010. This meeting is being recorded in person and electronically. All documents referred to within the meeting are in the Meeting-Record File.

NOTE: The listings of matters on the meeting's respective agendas are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

2. Visitors with Business for the Committee and Public Comment: - No comments.

3. Minute Approval – Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of previous meeting minutes. Member Germano John Silveira moved to accept the Minutes of the Tuesday, Regular Schedule Meeting of October 18, 2011, as presented. Member Kevin L. Connolly seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes.

4. Communications:

Agenda – DSC Regular Session Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Minutes – “Draft” Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Regular Session District School Committee Minutes

Emails: Regular transmissions of emails are sent to the District School Committee with/on information and activities relative to the operation of the school. The District is intent on using this cost-saving method of communication within its operation. Sent emails are archived and available for the inspection of any and all interested parties.

5. **Student Representative** –Mr. Brandon Phillips was recognized by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella. Mr. Phillips provided the following report:

- “The Varsity Football Team’s Homecoming Game on October 29th was absolutely amazing. The Warriors crushed Diman 24-0 to continue their win streak of 8-0. I wish the team the best of luck on their next games and bring home the Super Bowl.
- Spirit week: Everyone was well behaved, and many students participated and helped make this year’s Spirit week one to remember. Spirit Day’s Pep Rally had gone extremely well this year everyone having a good time, while making sure no trouble happens. We plan on having a second Pep Rally for the Winter Sports. The Homecoming Dance that night was a huge hit. The DJ we had definitely knows how to party and everyone had a blast. We hope that our next planned dances go just as well or even better.
- **John and Abigail Adam’s Scholarships: 53 of our seniors** were qualified to receive the John and Abigail Adam’s Scholarships which is the largest amount of recipients that Blue hills has ever had. A great accomplishment for our class and we hope that we accomplish many more this year.
- Student Council is preparing for the Winter Season by starting two **fundraisers for those who are less fortunate**. We will be having a Toy Drive, for kids who live in places where they aren’t able to celebrate Christmas and its joy of giving, as well as a Clothing/Supply Drive going to teen moms, giving to them blankets, clothes, and other necessities for themselves and their children. Please support this cause for it goes to our generation so we can make a difference.
- Student Council also partnered with **Stop & Shop through the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program**. All customers of Stop & Shop who have Stop & Shop Cards can sign-up online at www.stopandshop.com/aplus and 3% of your purchases goes to Student Council. The program goes from November 9 to March 29, 2012 so sign-up, invite friends and family, the neighbor you don’t talk normally, talk, and support the Student Council.”

District School Committee Members thanked **Student Representative Brandon Phillips** for his comprehensive and thorough report. NOTE: → Incidentally, Mr. Phillips is one of the 53 recipients receiving an Adams Scholarship.

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Pascarella had no report.

7. **DSC Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Subcommittee Chairman Kevin L. Connolly briefly reviewed the negotiation statuses from recent meetings and advised the Committee that any further discussions would be conducted in executive session to safeguard the integrity of the contract discussions. Attorney Matt Tobin joined the full Committee in Executive Session to clarify the statuses on the remaining unfulfilled contracts (Executive Session was conducted from 7:10 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. following the conclusion of the executive session, the Committee moved back into the regular business in open session).
- **Warrant** - Subcommittee Chairman Richard Riman stated that the subcommittee had no significant questions on this

warrant.

- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** – Newly- elected Chairman of the of the newly-formed Subcommittee, Mr. Charles W. Flahive reported that the Subcommittee had conducted their first meeting this evening at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee was joined by Assistant-Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett and Athletic Director Edward Catabia. The Subcommittee Chairman will call its next meeting in the not-too-distant future. The Subcommittee recommends a report from Pool & Activities Director Tom Cahill be arranged.
- **Buildings, Facilities, Safety & Security Subcommittee** – Newly-elected Chairman Robert S. Austin conducted the meeting of the newly-formed subcommittee. Joining the subcommittee were Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia, Business Manager David W. Proule and Director of Facilities Gene Mastro. The full content of the meeting was centered on proposed Capital Projects with respect to a “rolling, five-year plan”. Ongoing meetings will continue with this subcommittee and a future meeting will be designated by Chairman Austin.

8. **Unfinished Business:** None at this time.

9. **New Business:**

- **MASC/MASS CONFERENCE** - Member Charles W. Flahive reported that he had attended the MASC/MASS Conference in Hyannis MA, November 9-12, 2011 and he will report back to the Committee on the activities of the Conference.

10. **Administrative Reports (as needed):**

10.1.1 **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi had no report.

10.1.2 **Business Manager** – Mr. David W. Proule provided the Committee with the following:

- **FY13 Budget Calendar** – Mr. Proule is in the midst of preparing and will report back at the next District School Committee Meeting. An audit is finishing up.

10.1.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal** – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Barrett reported:

- **Breakfast Program Update** – Participation in the program is running about 150 participating students, and growing. There have been no negative activities associated with the Program.
- **Adams Scholarship Recipients** – Mr. Barrett reported that 53 Students will be presented with Scholarships at a presentation ceremony to be conducted at 8:30 a.m. at the Chateau. District School Committee Members are welcome to attend with staff, family and friends.

11.1.4 **Superintendent-Director** James P. Quaglia was recognized by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella. Superintendent Director Quaglia presented the Committee with the following:

- **Open House change of date from November 8 to November 17, 2011-** Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia explained that the need for the change of date of the **Annual Open House** occurred because of a vendor delay and other unforeseen circumstances.
- **Amendment to School Calendar 2011-12** - As a result of the change of date of the Annual Open House, the District School Committee was requested to approve a change in the present School Calendar 2011-12 to reflect this change. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the revision in the School Year Calendar 2011-12. Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the revision in the School Year Calendar 2011-12, reflecting the change of the “Open House”.date.

12. **Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District –**

- **Open House, Thursday, November 17th** – District School Committee Members were encouraged to attend this event.

13. **Warrant** - Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella accepted motion for the following warrant:

Upon motion of Secretary Robert S. Austin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to approve **FY12, Warrant No. 7, Vouchers 1035-1043, dated November 15, 2011 in the amount of \$1,361,494.67.**

14. **Executive session:** By **UNANIMOUS roll call vote**, the Committee voted to move into executive session as provided under executive session to discuss collective bargaining, strategies and/or possible litigation under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (b), 2, 3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws. Open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and requires executive session. Chairman Pascarella advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session solely to adjourn. Member Fess Joyce was excused from the executive session. The District Recording Secretary was also asked to leave.

15. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Meeting at **9:53 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary