



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, December 20, 2011

Before the District School Committee Regular Schedule meeting the District School Committee and the School Council conducted their annual joint dinner meeting in the Chateau de bleu Restaurant. The delicious meal was prepared by Chef John G. Haelsen and his Culinary Arts’ Students and enjoyed by all.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 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, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Messrs. Connolly and Joyce
- 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. Denise O’Loughlin, Director of Vocational Programs
Mr. Ed Catabia, Athletic Director, Science Teacher, Head Football Coach
Mr. Tom Cahill, Activities’ Director

Others Present (Continued):

Jordin Rotman, - BHR Student Kevin O’Callaghan - BHR Student David Neil - BHR Student Stephen Snyder - BHR Student John Gibbons - BHR Student Hans Uomy - BHR Student George Driscoll, General Advis.Com.	Vincent Burton - BHR Student Jamie Arnstein - BHR Teacher Eric Erskine– General Advisory Committee Tom Geoghegan BHR Teacher Fred White – General Advisory Committee Linda Cordes – BHR Parent Mary Russo – BHR Parent	Keith Gomes – BHR Student Clinton Mann - BHR Student Karen Straehle – General Adv.Committee David Joseph - BHR Teacher Tricia Murphy- BHR Teacher Ronnie Doherty – BHR Teacher
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*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.

Moment of Silence: Once again the full District School Committee reflected, with deepest respect and sadness, a moment of silence was given in memory of a graduate of Blue Hills’, Stephanie Harrington. Ms. Harrington was killed in a motor vehicle accident the day before Thanksgiving, November 23, 2011. Member Germano John Silveira provided a condolence card which was passed around to the members for signatures.

2. Visitors with Business for the Committee and Public Comment: - Mrs. Linda Cordes and Mrs. Mary Russo, parents of Blue

Hills students, were recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mrs. Russo acted as spokesperson. Mrs. Russo stated that she has concerns regarding the safety of the children not participating in the school's breakfast program who remain on busses while the "Breakfast Program" is operating.

The speaker (Mrs. Russo) stated that there is respect for the intent of the Breakfast Program but fear for the well being of students staying in a cold bus while waiting for the conclusion of the breakfast and their subsequent entrance to the school.

Chairman Pascarella thanked Mrs. Russo for her input and stated that the administrators will be contacted for their input with the issue addressed.

- **Championship Super Bowl, Division 4A, 2011, Warriors** - Director of Athletics, Head Football Coach, Science Teacher, Mr. Ed Catabia, Jr., was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Catabia spoke of the recent victory of the school's Warrior's Varsity Football Team and commended the gentlemen of the team for their fine season and the work they had put into achieving the accomplishment of becoming "**Super Bowl Champions**". Following this presentation, Coach Catabia introduced a number of the winning team members to the Committee followed by a group picture taken by Student Representative to the District School Committee, Mr. Brandon Phillips. District School Committee Members expressed their appreciation for the fine way the players had conducted their championship season.

3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of previous meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to accept the Minutes of the Tuesday, Regular Schedule Meeting of December 6, 2011, as presented. Member Germano John Silveira seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 6, 2011 Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes.

4. **Communications:**

Agenda – DSC Regular Session Meeting, Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Minutes – "Draft" Tuesday, December 6, 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:

- **Food/Gift Drive** - Students have collected a phenomenal amount of food and gifts to be distributed to the needy. Once again, the students and staff out did themselves with their collections. The collected food will provide needy families with physical nourishment and the gifts will add a little joy to deserving families this holiday season. Deliveries will be made to food pantries before the end of this week by students and teachers. Teachers, Ms. Stacey Hedges and Ms. Jacqueline Feeney (and many others) have worked hard with motivating the success of the Drives.
- **Theater Program Discussion** - "Mr. Barrett and I talked a bit yesterday morning about how we are starting the theater program. We feel that many students who think about coming to this school are disappointed in the lack of a theater program. A good friend of my family who works in the theater department at Roxbury Community College would love to help us out and Mr. Barrett wants to meet with him ASAP. We also plan on starting a small committee of students. We will do our best to better this school, working the terms that are set."

Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., commented that when he was a student at Blue Hills there was a theatre program and the students put on a performance called “Show Boat” each year. Vice-Chairman Maguire stated that he would be in favor of this opportunity being reinstated for the Blue Hills’ Students. Mr. Quaglia replied that a program of this nature would have to be carefully reviewed with administration for funding and manning.

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Pascarella addressed the Committee:

7. **DSC Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Was taken to executive session to safeguard the integrity of the contract discussions.
- **Warrant** - No report.
- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** – The Sub-Committee has a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 207A.
- **Buildings, Facilities, Safety & Security Subcommittee** – Will continue to conduct meeting with discussions on projects being planned through the Superintendent-Director’s “Rolling 5-Year Plan”. The Sub-Committee has a meeting posted for Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 5 p.m. in Boardroom #402.

8. **Unfinished Business:** None.

9. **New Business:**

9.1 **General Advisory Committee Meeting Review** – Director of Vocational Programs Denise

O’Loughlin was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Director O’Loughlin stated that at a November 2011 Dinner Meeting, Members of the General Advisory Committee had met with Program Advisors to speak about their respective program and how each could be improved. Many of the items requested will be addressed through the FY13 Maintenance & Operation Budget and others will be considered with fiscal responsibility. Mrs. O’Loughlin stated that an April 2012 General Advisory Committee Meeting is being planned.

9.2 **Report on Success of Fall Athletic Activities and Upcoming Winter Athletic Activities** – Director of

Athletics, Mr. Edward Catabia was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Director Catabia reported on the Fall Sports’ Program: **Student Athlete Accomplishments:**

Fall Sports

Football

2011 Mayflower Athletic Conference Champions Division 4A Super Bowl Champions → Record 12-1

Boys Soccer

Qualified for the MIAA soccer tournament First round→ Record 8-6-4

Girls Soccer

Qualified for the State Vocational Tournament

Qualified For the MIAA state Tournament First round → Record 10-4-4

Volleyball → Record 9-11

Golf → Record 1-10-1

- Coach Catabia reported that Winter Sports are up and running with many students participating.
- Mr. Catabia will participate in a future Policy Subcommittee Meeting to address the District’s State-Mandated Policy on Concussions.
- Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Catabia for the fine job he is providing to

- his positions as Athletic Director, Coach and Teacher.

9.3 Activities, Pool and Other, Including Present User- Fee Schedules – Activities Coordinator , Mr.

Tom Cahill was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Cahill presented a comparative report on all programs he oversees, created with a PowerPoint Program, yearly and financially, of the activities of all the programs he is responsible for, including Pool, Wellness Center and Inside/Outside Facility Use/Rentals. Prior to this meeting, all District School Committee had received a copy of the Policy for all aspects of Mr. Cahill's responsibilities. Mr. Cahill's recommendation on users' fees was that the fees be kept as they are. The full Committee, with the exception of Mr. Riman, concurred with Tom's recommendations. Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi added, "It is a pleasure to work with Tom and Tom's professionalism." Business Manager David W. Proule also stated that Tom is doing a fine job with his responsibilities and has brought the program- registration and payment process into a new efficient sphere.

Mr. Riman noted that the discounted rate structure for the field and gym rentals needed correction. He indicated that if someone renting those facilities was just one dollar over each defined limit, the discounted percentage charged could drop their actual total cost to below what we charge for less use. He asked that the sliding scale be revised to correct this problem, and for the committee to see the results of this correction when it is made

10. Administrative Reports (as needed):

- 10.1.1 **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Treasurer Gisondi –stated that Mrs. Ginny Frew is preparing a letter of intent to continue her service on the Retirement Board. When Mrs. Frew's letter arrives the Full Committee will vote on the appointment.
- 10.1.2 **Business Manager** – Mr. David W. Proule had no report this evening.
- 10.1.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal** – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Barrett reported:
- **DSC/School Council Joint Dinner** – Mr. Barrett reported that the annual business dinner meeting was conducted tonight and well attended by District School Committee Members, Administrators and School Council Members. This meeting enabled both Committees to blend and discuss common goals.
 - **Admissions** – Mr. Barrett reported that he is working closely with Director of Admissions, Marybeth Joyce and other administrators with future student recruitment enhancements.
- 10.1.4 **Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia** was recognized by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella. Superintendent Director Quaglia presented the Committee with the following:
- **MSBA Funding Initiative** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia advised the Committee that a close connection has been established with the MSBA Funding vehicle's guidelines and the protocols required for submitting Statements of Interest to this organization.
 - **Policy Book Review** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that the third Tuesday of January (1/17/12) The Policy Subcommittee will meet to begin over viewing the current District School Policies. The first two letters of the book (Section A and B) will be reviewed. Along with that agenda – the Policy Subcommittee will review the content of a proposed policy on Concussions. Mr. Quaglia requested that any members with

input contact any member of the Subcommittee (Messrs. Austin, Fistori and Silveira). Subcommittee Chairman will be elected at the Tuesday, January 17, 2011 meeting.

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

- **Football Banquet** – Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., along with his wife (Rosie) attended the “Football Banquet” on Friday, December 8, 2011 in Randolph (at the Elks’ Hall), representing the District School Committee. Mr. Maguire reported that the evening was impressive in all ways and that **State Senator Brian A. Joyce** arrived at the banquet to present members of the “**Super Bowl 2011 Champions**” **special citations/commendations** and to speak to them on the occasion of the Warriors great victory.

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

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., , seconded by Secretary Robert S. Austin, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY12, Warrant No. 9, Vouchers 1047-1051, dated December 20, 2011 in the amount of \$713,677.66.**

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 for the purpose of adjournment. The District Recording Secretary was 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 Charles W. Flahive 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 **9:40 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 January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

