



## 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 6, 2011**

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 Members are Messrs. (Chairman) Riman, Austin and Flahive (*ad hoc members to all subcommittees are DSC Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella and Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia*). Mr. Austin was absent.

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, 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. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Messrs. Austin 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  
Ms. Kim Poliseno – Coordinator of Post-Secondary Transition  
Mrs. Marie DiBlasi – Practical Nursing Instructor (Blue Hills)  
Ms. Nancy Finnell – Practical Nursing Instructor (Blue Hills)  
Mrs. Patricia Scarbo – Blue Hills' Teacher  
Mr. Neil Saltzman – Blue Hills' Counselor  
Mr. William Groh – Blue Hills' Instructor  
Attorney Matthew Tobin – School Counsel to the District School Committee

\*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:** 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.

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. Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to accept the Minutes of the Tuesday, Regular Schedule Meeting of November 15, 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, November 15, 2011 Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes.

**4. Communications:**

**Agenda** – DSC Regular Session Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2011

**Minutes** – “Draft” Tuesday, November 15, 2011 Regular Session District School Committee Minutes

**Letter** – “copy” of letter sent to recipients of Adams’ Scholarships by Chairman Pascarella (on behalf of the Committee).

**Document** – District School Committee Goals

**Document** – Updated List of DSC Members’ names and contact information, including recent email change.

**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:

- Reviewed current and future activities of the student body. Special emphasis was put on the recent victory of the **Warriors’ Football team** with the Super Bowl win. Score was Blue Hills, 16; Cathedral 14.
- Students are conducting food and gift drives to assist those needing help during this holiday season.

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

- **A Subcommittee Meeting Request Form** has been developed (Sample provided in members’ folders.). This form is to be used when requesting subcommittee meeting(s). A supply of the form will always be in the District’s in-house mailbox. When completed, the request is to be given to the Committee’s recording secretary for the implementation of the meeting and necessary (Chapter 30.) posting.
- **DSC Goals – School Year 2011-2012** - Chairman Pascarella requested the members keep a copy of the DSC Goals 2001-12 in their Blue Meeting Folder. This document’s content will be referred to on a regular basis. Chairman Pascarella reviewed the goals and the statuses.

**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 7:22 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. following the conclusion of the executive session, the Committee moved back into the regular business in open session to adjourn the regular meeting).
- **Warrant** - Subcommittee Chairman Richard Riman stated that the subcommittee would like to learn who has received the newly purchased white boards and projectors. Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that every teaching/instructional station will have a set up of these items. Mr. Riman further questioned whether new items of this nature are having any type of identification/engraving placed on them? If it isn’t being done, Mr. Riman wants to see IDs on all teaching-aid equipment.

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- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** –The Subcommittee recommended a report from Pool & Activities Director Tom Cahill be arranged. Tom will be contacted and requested to appear before the full Committee. The Committee plans to meet again on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
  - **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”.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None.
9. **New Business:**
- 9.1 **DESE Graduate Follow-Up Report** - Coordinator of Post-Secondary Transition Kim Polisenio was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Polisenio presented her report accompanied by pass outs entitled:
- ✚ Positive Placement (Chapter 74 State)
  - ✚ Positive Placement Perkins 2009 & 2010 (Federal)
- The reports compared 2009 to 2010 placements of students working in jobs related to the programs they learned at Blue Hills Technical School. These Placement reports are requirements of the State and Federal Government. Following questions and answers Chairman Pascarella extended his thanks to Ms. Polisenio for the thoroughness of the reporting.
- **District School Committee Goals, 2011-2012 School Year** – A quarterly review of the goals was implemented with ongoing elements scrutinized. Future discussions will occur on expectations and completions.
10. **Administrative Reports (as needed):**
- 10.1.1 **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Treasurer Gisondi spoke in his capacity as the Chairman of the Non-Instructional Retirement Board. Mr. Gisondi stated that one of the members, Mrs. Ginny Frew has a term expiring. Mrs. Frew’s position is that by appointment by the District School Committee. Mr. Gisondi will contact Mrs. Frew and ask if she is willing to continue her commitment to the Board. Mr. Gisondi advised the Committee that as a result of the recently passed Pension Reform Bill, members of the Board will be required to attend an 18 -hour training session.
- 10.1.2 **Business Manager** – Mr. David W. Proule provided the Committee with the following:
- **FY13 Budget Calendar** – Mr. Proule presented the FY13 Budget Calendar to the Committee. Following review of the Calendar, Chairman Pascarella moved the question of the approval of the FY13 Budget Calendar
    - **Job Grant** – Mr. Proule advised the Committee that a Job Grant will be returned to the school.
- 10.1.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal** – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Barrett reported:
- **Football Banquet** – Mr. Barrett reported that the school’s football banquet would be conducted at the Randolph Elks in Randolph at 6:30 p.m. District School Committee Members are invited to attend.
  - **Breakfast Program Update** – Participation in the program continues to run smoothly with a flow of about 150 participating students, and growing. There have been no negative activities associated with the Program.
  - **DSC/School Council Joint Dinner** – Mr. Barrett reported that the annual dinner meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the “Chateau de Bleu” at 5:30 p.m. This meeting enables both Committees to blend and discuss common goals.
  - **Open House** – Mr. Barrett reported that the Annual Open House conducted on Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. was a great success. The event was well attended and teachers and students added tremendously

to the positive impact of the event.

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

- **Professional Development** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia reported that he has been attending a program offered by the Town of Canton Police Department, focusing on school security.
  - **MSBA Funding Initiative** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia requested a vote from the full Committee regarding possible funding sources for some areas of the Five-Year Rolling Plan. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly, “I move that requested permission to enable and recommend that the Superintendent-Director and District Administration submit **two (2) Statements of Interest** with the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA): **One for Science Labs and one for renovations under the Green Repair Initiative of the MSBA.**” Motion was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** To grant requested permission to enable and recommend that the Superintendent-Director and District Administration submit two (2) Statements of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA) One for Science Labs and one for renovations under the Green Repair Initiative of the MSBA.

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

- **Adams’ Scholarship Ceremony** – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella attended the impressive ceremony awarding 53 Seniors with the Adams’ Scholarship. Staff, family and friends were also in attendance.
- **Hall of Fame Investiture** - Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., attended the event today at 4:30 p.m., representing the Committee. This year’s elected designee was 35-year teacher/administrator Mr. Richard J. Donovan. Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia emceed the event and presented Mr. Donovan with a plaque defining Mr. Donovan’s great accomplishments while employed at Blue Hills. Family and friends attended this event to honor Mr. Donovan.
- **Auditorium** – Member Charles W. Flahive questioned on the possible expansion of the auditorium to facilitate a music program.
- **Disappointment** – Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., stated that he had attended the Warriors’ Super Bowl game and purchased commemorative T-Shirts. The shirts were manufactured and sold by the MIAA. When Mr. Maguire examined the shirts, he noted a “major mistake” on the name of the winning team. Mr. Barrett stated that he was going to contact MIAA for a resolution to this error.
- **MASC/MASS Conference** – Member Charles W. Flahive spoke on the conference he attended November 9<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup> and provided a pass out to the members entitled, “**Top 10 Reasons to Be a School Board Member**”.
- **Great Success** – Mr. Riman reported: “Mr. Ari Polivy, Blue Hills’ Graduate and a previous Student Representative to the District School Committee and student at the Naval Academy, is now training to be a Marine Pilot.

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

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., , seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve **FY12, Warrant No. 8, Vouchers 1044-1046, dated December 6, 2011 in the amount of \$780,053.35.**

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 to continue unfinished business and to adjourn. 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 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 **8:15 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 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph A. Pascarella, Chairman (Acting Secretary)

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary