



## MINUTES of the Special 2012 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, April 10, 2012**

Before the District School Committee Special Meeting the Warrant Subcommittee and Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee conducted meetings. Prior to the meeting, a number of Committee Members attended the impressive “Ring Ceremony” conducted for the Blue Hills’ Warriors’ Football Team Super Bowl Division 4A Champs 2011.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Special Meeting was called to order at promptly at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 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. David W. Proule – Business Manager  
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. William Groh, BHR Teacher  
Mrs. Trish Murphy, BHR Teacher  
Attorney Matthew Tobin – BHR School Counsel

\*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. Chairman Pascarella called for executive session (7:37 p.m.) to enter into discussion with the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee report back to full Committee – To be taken to **Executive Session** with Attorney Matt Tobin. The Chairman will call **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 is subsequently declared by Chairman Pascarella. Motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to enter into executive session. Motion was seconded by Member Richard Riman. Motion was taken to a **ROLL CALL VOTE** and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**Voted:** to enter into executive session.

Chairman Pascarella stated that the Committee would return to the open meeting following conclusion of executive session to carry on with the regular business of the Committee.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING – CHOICE PROGRAM - Open Public Hearing “Choice Program”** Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella called the

Public Hearing to order and welcomed input from Committee Members and Visitors on the “Choice Program” being implemented at Blue Hills. Superintendent-Director Quaglia recommended not joining the Program, when asked by the Committee. There were no other comments. Chairman Pascarella moved the question of the “Choice Program” following the conclusion of comments. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to close the Public Hearing and to vote to reject School Choice for School Year 2012-13 and supply Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Committees decision, as required by Chapter 76, Section 12-B, Massachusetts General Laws. Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira **by ROLL-CALL VOTE**, the Committee:

**VOTED:** To reject School Choice for School Year 2011-12 and supply the DESE Commissioner Mitchell with this decision, as required by Chapter 76, Section 12-B, Massachusetts General Laws.

**The vote was 9 – 0.**

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of previous meeting minutes. Member Germano John Silveira moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, Special Meeting of February 28, 2012, as presented. Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**Voted:** to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes.

Member Charles W. Flahive moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, Regular Meeting of March 6, 2012, as presented. Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**Voted:** to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

5. **Communications:**

**Agenda** – DSC Meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Minutes** – “Drafts” Tuesdays, February 28, 2012 (Special) Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 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.

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

- **Prom - After** doing another Yankee candle sale, we were able to reduce our prom ticket price to \$50. To make sure we keep track of all the money, we will only be selling tickets at academic lunches from now to the first week in May.
- **Talent Show - The** date has been changed since our last meeting to sometime in May. The advisor and students are trying their best to be able to pull this off.
- **Day on the Hill was a fun experience:**
  - Lecture by MASC
  - Great to see how the MASC run these meetings.
  - Blue Hills’ Culinary Arts students were in attendance to provide food at the luncheon following the lecture

- **May 1, 2012 Meeting** - Senior Briana Fuertres, and I attended the “Day on the Hill” event together and we would like to present at your next meeting more details on the impact of the day had on us.

The Committee thanked Mr. Phillips for his report.

**7. DSC Chair Report –**

- **Evaluation Subcommittee** - Chairman Pascarella addressed the Committee stating that a proposed Evaluation Subcommittee requires a vote of the Committee to establish. If implemented the “Evaluation Subcommittee” when manned will replace the Superintendent’s Evaluation Subcommittee. The Evaluation Subcommittee will oversee the evaluations of the Superintendent-Director, Treasurer and Recording Secretary’s positions. Following discussion Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Germano John Silveira to accept the formation of the Evaluation Subcommittee with subsequent elimination of the Superintendent-Director’s Subcommittee. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to accept the formation of the Evaluation Subcommittee with subsequent elimination of the Superintendent-Director’s Subcommittee.

**8. DSC Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Was taken to executive session to safeguard the integrity of the contract discussions. Meetings have occurred with the SEIU#888 Clerical Union and BHEA Mediation meetings have been scheduled. A vote to ratify the settled contracts was postponed in order to invite the District Towns’ Contract Liaison, Town of Canton Selectman John Connolly.
- **Warrant** - Chairman Richard Riman stated that he’d like to know about the placements of the 26 new computers.
  - **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive reported on the content of this evening’s subcommittee meeting.
    - **Athletic Field Inspection:** The Subcommittee, accompanied by Athletic Director Ed Catabia, Jr., did a walkthrough of fields and inspected the school’s athletic fields. The members found that the fields are in dire need of refurbishing and in very deplorable condition. Among other things, Mr. Flahive stated that the school should consider renting a commercial steam roller to even out the fields. Discussion on this item will be ongoing with all agreeing that action must be taken to improve the athletic fields and their infrastructure.
  - **Policy Subcommittee** – Chairman Germano John Silveira reported to the full Committee that the March 20, 2012 meeting was cancelled. The school-vacation week meeting will also be cancelled. The next meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 at 5 p.m. in Boardroom #402.

The Policy Subcommittee continues to review the Policy Book for updating and recommendations to the full Committee. This project is nearly one-half done. The (mandated) Concussion Policy is completed and now placed in the Policy Book.

9. **Unfinished Business:** None.

10. **New Business:** None.

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

11.1 **Treasurer:** C. Gisondi - No report.

11.2 **Business Manager:** Not present. On vacation.

11.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Mr. Michael J. Barrett.

- **Guest Speaker at Graduation** – Astronaut Scott Tingle, a Blue Hills Alumni, has confirmed that he will be guest speaking at this Year’s Blue Hills’ Class of 2012 Graduation.

11.4 **Superintendent/Director James P. Quaglia:** Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella recognized Mr. James P. Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia stated he is moving forward with his goals. There are two left:

→**Policy** in-progress, to be completed during fall of 2012.

→**Strategic Plan**, to be presented in June.

**12. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.**

- **NSBA CONFERENCE** - April 20-23, 2012 – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella and Member Kevin L. Connolly will be attending.
- **District School Committee Goals** – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella reminded the members that the end of May (second Meeting, May 15<sup>th</sup>) will bring about dialogue on the success of the District School Committee Goals 2011-12.

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. 16, Vouchers 1073-1078, dated April 10, 2012 in the amount of \$974,139.10.**

Chairman Pascarella called for a five-minute refreshment break before calling the executive session to order.

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. The executive session was covered by Secretary Robert S. Austin.

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 **8:50 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 May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary