



MINUTES of the Regular Schedule 2012 Meeting
“FY13 ORGANIZATION INCLUDED AT THIS MEETING”

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, June 19, 2012

Before the Regular Scheduled Meeting was called to order the following subcommittee met.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, Tuesday, June 19, 2012, PRIOR TO REGULAR MEETING

1. Policy Subcommittee:

Chairman Germano John Silveira, Mr. Robert S. Austin and Mr. Francis J. Fistori

Agenda: at 5 p.m. Continued review of Policy Book

2. Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee:

Chairman Flahive, Mr. Connolly and Mr. Joyce 5:30 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, Agenda: Continued discussion on implementing a plan for athletic field improvements ALSO attending the meeting were Mr. Mastro, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Catabia, to provide their professional input.

3. Warrant Subcommittee:

Chairman Riman, Mr. Austin and Mr. Flahive - 6:30 p.m. Agenda: Review of Warrant Documents and recommendation to full Committee.

NOTE: Subcommittees will report to the full committee with their discussions and recommendations from their respective meetings

ALSO: Because of unforeseen circumstances, all DSC Subcommittee Meetings and the Regular District School Committee Meeting were moved to **Boardroom 402**.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Meeting was called to order at promptly at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2012** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, 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: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Selectman John Connolly – Town of Canton – District Towns’ Liaison
Mr. James P. Quaglia – Superintendent-Director
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager
Mr. Michael J. Barrett –Assistant Superintendent-Principal
Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh – Dean of Students
Mr. Edward Catabia, Jr., Athletic Director BHRTS
Ms. Judy Bass, BHRTS Publicist
Mr. and Mrs. John (Debbie) Lasis
Mr. Brian Gearty, BHRTS Teacher – President, BHEA
Mrs. Rita Joyce, Milton Resident
Attorney Matt Tobin, Murphy, Lamere and Murphy, 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. **Public Comment** – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella recognized Debbie and John Lasis. Mr. and Mrs. Lasis are parents to Jonathan Lasis, BHRTS Class of 2012. Jonathan must complete a summer course because of excessive absences. When Jonathan completes this course, he will receive his diploma. The Lasises are requesting the Committee waive this administrative decision. A letter from Debbie Lasis was also presented to the Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Lasis concluded their comments and the Chairman advised the Lasises that this request will be reviewed and deliberated on and the Lasises will be advised of the decision. The Lasises left the meeting after their comments. Following discussion, the Chair entertained a motion from Mr. Kevin L. Connolly to overturn the decision of the Superintendent-Director to require Jonathan Lasis to attend summer school for excessive absenteeism in order to receive his diploma. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Maguire. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**

VOTED: not to overturn the decision of the Superintendent-Director to require Jonathan Lasis to attend summer school for excessive absenteeism in order to receive his diploma.

Note on Vote: All members voted not to overturn, except for Member Kevin L. Connolly.

3. **Contract Ratification for the Blue Hills' Administrators' Association (BHAA)**

Liaison for the District Towns, Canton Selectman John Connolly, participated with the vote and was recognized by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella.

Contract Negotiation Discussions – Attorney Matthew Tobin (Will be called to executive session to protect the integrity of the negotiations.)

- **Blue Hills' Administrators' Association Contract Ratification** - As required, following executive session, an Open Meeting, Roll-Call vote was taken on the ratification of the FY12, 13 and 14 Blue Hills' Administrators' Contract (BHAA).
 - **Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the Blue Hills' Administrators Association Contract, FY12, 13 and 14, as negotiated. Motion to approve was seconded by Secretary Robert S. Austin. Motion was taken to a ROLL CALL VOTE AND IT WAS BY MAJORITY**
VOTED: to approve the Blue Hills' Administrators Association Contract, FY12, 13 and 14, as negotiated.

YES: Messrs. Austin, Connolly, Selectman Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Pascarella and Silveira **ABSTAIN:** Mr. Joyce **NO:** Mr. Riman

4. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of previous meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, June 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Member Fran Fistori seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

5. Communications:

Agenda – DSC Meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Minutes – Draft/ Regular Session Minutes of Tuesday, June 5, 2012 Meeting.(Sent Electronically and hard copy).

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** – A new term for the Student Representative will begin with SY12-13 start (September 4, 212).

7. **DSC Chair Report** – No report.

8. DSC Subcommittee Reports:

- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee**

Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive stated that a meeting had been conducted this evening with Director of Facilities, Mr. Gene Mastro attending. A prime concern of the subcommittee is the condition of the athletic fields and the need for upgrading the surfaces and ensuring that athletic events are conducted on a level, well-maintained fields by the start of next athletic seasons. Mr. Flahive and his subcommittee want to see discussed improvements implemented and not delayed because of any reason. This is an ongoing discussion of prime concern. An additional status meeting will be conducted in August, before the summer schedule August meeting.

- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee**

“To protect the integrity of the unsettled contracts, the discussion will be taken to executive session”. Subcommittee Chairman Connolly declared. Attorney Matt Tobin will attend the session and offer his expertise and discuss recent mediation meetings, including a trip to the Hurley Building in Boston on June 13, 2012 for a BHEA Mediation Meeting.

- **Policy Subcommittee:**

Subcommittee Chairman Germano John Silveira provided the full committee with a status report of the subcommittee’s progress and answered questions about the updates and additions that are being requested for approval.

- **Evaluation Subcommittee :**

Chairman Fran Fistori has supplied all members with the evaluation instruments and requests that the items be returned to Joanne, no later than June 27th for tabulation of members’ returns.

- **Warrant Subcommittee:**

Chairman Riman, Mr. Austin and Mr. Flahive - Review of Warrant Documents occurred with no issues addressed.

9. **Unfinished Business:** None.

10. New Business:

10.1 **Reorganization of the 48th District School Committee and Election of FY13 Officers:** Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella turned the meeting over to Secretary Robert S. Austin. Secretary Robert S. Austin, opened up the nominations for Officers of the 48th District School Committee and accepted the following:

- **CHAIRMAN:** Member Kevin L. Connolly nominated Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella to the position of Chairman of the Committee for a second one-year term. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to close the nominations and proceed to a vote with Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella as the Committee's sole choice for Chairman. By roll call,
 - **A roll-call vote was taken and Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella** was elected to the position of Chairman, **UNANIMOUSLY**.
- **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Secretary Robert S. Austin opened up the nomination and election of Vice Chairman. . Member Richard Riman moved to nominate Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr, to a second-year term as Vice Chairman. Nomination was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive. Nominations closed. W. Flahive for Secretary Aidan G. Maguire as Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin L. Connolly. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to close the nominations. Secretary Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., closed the nominations. Election followed:
 - **A roll-call vote was taken and Secretary Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.,** was elected to the position of second-term Vice Chairman **UNANIMOUSLY**.
- **SECRETARY:** Member Richard Riman nominated Member Robert S. Austin to the position of second – term Secretary. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Nominations closed by motion of Member Connolly. Motion to close was seconded and Secretary Austin closed the nominations. Nominated candidate Secretary to the second-term position of was put to a vote and it was:
 - **By roll-call vote to elect UNANIMOUSLY, Mr. Robert S. Austin** to a second-term position as Secretary to the District School Committee.

It is noted that the election of the 48th District School Committee Officers is effective July 1, 2012 and ends June 30, 2013.

10.2 **Student Discipline & Attendance Report** – Second Term SY11-12 – Chairman Pascarella recognized **Dean of Students, Thomas G. Cavanaugh**. Mr. Cavanaugh supplied the Committee with pass outs entitled:

- **Monthly Attendance Register** (Dated June 15, 2012)
- **Saturday Suspensions** – Total Students Per Week & Year-Average Per Day (Comparative)

Mr. Cavanaugh stated that the Class of 2012 was outstanding, perhaps the best group of students he has seen in his 30 years in education. The Seniors set the pace throughout the school year and influence underclassmen substantially. Mr. Cavanaugh concluded, "This has been a good year with improvements with attendance and behavior." Chairman Pascarella and the full Committee thanked Dean Cavanaugh for his presentation.

10.3 **Athletic Report – Winter and Spring 2012 – Athletic Director Edward Catabia, Jr.** Chairman Pascarella recognized Athletic Director Edward Catabia, Jr. Mr. Catabia presented the Committee Members with a presentation accompanied by a report entitled: "**Blue Hills Regional Technical High School – Athletics, 2011-2012**". **Mr. Catabia stated:** "This year for the first time in the history of Blue Hills we have we have achieved the following:

- Eastern Mass Super Bowl Championship
- Five (5) Conference Championships
- Four (4) MVADA Qualifying Teams
- One (1) MVADA Championship
- Seven (7) Qualifying Teams."

Mr. Catabia continued, stating that, the student athletes and their coaches have worked hard and reaped the rewards that go along with talent, hard work and perseverance. Following the impressive presentation, Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Catabia for his excellence and that of his report.

11. Administrative Reports (as needed):

11.1 **Treasurer:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. Mr. Gisondi did not have a report.

11.2 **Business Manager:** - Business Manager David W. Proule was recognized. Mr. Proule did not have a report.

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

- **Graduation, Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 6 p.m.** – Mr. Barrett reported that the Graduation went very well with no surprises, as well as perfect weather for this momentous event. A guest speaker, Graduate of BHRT 1983, **NASA Astronaut Scott Tingle**, grabbed the attention of the audience mesmerizing them with his words and advice to the Class of 2012. Long-time advocate to Blue Hills and recent author, **Mr. Bernard H. Baher**, assisted Chairman Pascarella with student diploma presentation. Six of the nine DSC Members were able to attend this year's graduation.
- **LPN Nursing Graduation - Class of 2012** – Graduation will be conducted on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeterium. Members are invited to attend this event. Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella and Member Fess Joyce indicated they will attend this impressive ceremony.
- **Summer School 2012 Plans** – Mr. Barrett introduced Summer School 2012 Director, Kim Polisen. Ms. Polisen was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Polisen stated that five subjects would be offered to students from July 9th to August 2nd. Registration for the program is June 28, June 29, August 2 and 3rd. At this time it is too early to tell the number of student participants. There are no credit or payment plans for the classes and payments for the classes will be either bank check or cash. For students registering in June, the fee will be \$240 per class. After June the class cost goes up to \$265. Students who have violated the school's attendance policy are obligated to attend summer school. Seniors not completing this obligation will not receive their diplomas. Members of the District School Committee asked questions, received answers and thanked Ms. Polisen for her presentation.

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

- →**Policy** in-progress, to be completed during fall of 2012. The subcommittee met at 5 p.m. this evening, Tuesday, June 19th, for continued review and to address questions that were voiced by members at the Tuesday, June 5, 2012 Regular Session Meeting.
- →**Strategic Plan** – Although not completed the goals are moving forward with approximately 75% completion.

- **Hiring/Retirement Information** – Mr. Quaglia announced that he has not received additional retirement notices since the last meeting retirement. Information of retirement and rehiring will be ongoing throughout the summer months.
- **Mrs. Lasis Letter** - The submitted letter was reviewed with the Committee and the Superintendent-Director added his comments on the matter.

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

- **District School Committee Goals** – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella will review with the members at a future meeting.
- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** - Chairman, Mr. Charles W. Flahive will call another meeting for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., with every intention of seeing significant athletic field improvements implemented.
- **Student Comments** – Member Richard Riman had a haircut recently from a Blue Hills' graduate of the Auto Body Program. The graduate advised Mr. Riman that he decided to change his career goals after a “teacher” made a comment about shortened length of life for auto-body repair workers (A totally incorrect and inappropriate comment). Along with that, Mr. Riman has learned of inappropriate remarks that are being made directly to students on the teachers' contracts' status.

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

Upon motion of Secretary Robert S. Austin, seconded by Kevin L. Connolly it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY12 Warrant No. 20, Voucher #1090-1095, dated June 19, 2012 in the amount of \$934,418.06.**

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 at 7:05 p.m., 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 regular business and subsequently adjourn. The District Recording Secretary left the meeting.

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 **9:45 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Summer Schedule Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, July 17, 2012** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted

by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary